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Feds take over CNMI immigration

34-year local border control ends

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At 12:01am today, the U.S. federal government officially took control of CNMI immigration, marking another chapter in the islands' 34-year relationship with the United States.

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Hundreds beat umbrella, IR permit deadlines

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Hundreds of contract workers and immediate relatives of U.S. citizens trooped to the Labor Department yesterday, braving the heat as they waited in long lines just to beat yesterday's deadline for the issuance of two-year "umbrella" permits.

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Rain or shine, hundreds of foreign workers and their immediate relatives fall in line to get their two-year umbrella permit from the Department of Labor yesterday afternoon, hours before the federal government takes over CNMI immigration effective 12:01am today. Inset shows Labor special counsel Deanne Siemer assisting workers in line. HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

All pending immigration cases are dismissed

Federal Immigration Court to begin operations next week

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A Superior Court judge ordered yesterday the closure of the local court's 32-year immigration calendar and dismissed all pending immigration cases, estimated at over 200.

Associate Judge David A. Wiseman also disclosed that the U.S. Executive Office for Immigration Review will be setting up an Immigration Court in the CNMI that will begin operations next week.

"This is the final and last order of one of the only two non-federal immigration courts under the United

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Froilan is new House speaker

Nine Republicans now minority, as 4 independents align with the Covenant

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Former governor and Rep.-elect Froilan C. Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) will be the next speaker when the 17th House of Repre-

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Covenant and Independent House of Representative member-elects assemble yesterday to discuss the leadership of the 17th Commonwealth Legislature. The meeting was led by Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, and current House Floor Leader Joseph N. Camacho. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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American Samoa gets swine flu vaccine

PAGO PAGO, American Samoa, (Samoa News/PIR)—American Samoa's share of the H1N1 or swine flu vaccine arrived late last week with Health Department personnel getting the first doses, while the Hawai'i media reports that a child from American Samoa has died of swine flu in Honolulu.

The U.S. CDC—Center for Disease Control and Prevention—stated on the list of swine flu doses distribution that 2,000 doses were shipped to American Samoa on Nov. 11.

Health Department director Tuiasina Dr. Salamo Laumoli confirmed to Samoa News the 2,000 doses for American Samoa have arrived on island, followed by vaccination of the department's 132 management and staff.

"We started Friday morning with the vaccination of our staff commencing from the Amouli dispensary followed by staff at the main office in Fagaalu," said Tuiasina in a telephone interview. Because DOH staff are on the front line dealing with swine flu, it was important to get them vaccinated first, he said.

By the afternoon, the DOH staff at the Tafuna and Leone clinics were getting their doses with the hope to get all DOH personnel vaccinated by the close of business on Friday, said Tuiasina, who was vaccinated prior to the Samoa News interview.

Public vaccination starts this week with pregnant women and children—the priority group to get the doses in accordance with federal guidelines—and the list of dates and times for getting vaccinated at DOH clinics will be announced this week as well, says Tuiasina.

He said at this point, DOH is awaiting direction from CDC as to when the next shipment of swine flu for American Samoa is expected to arrive. "The number of doses—on the next shipment—may be higher or smaller, it all depends on CDC and their distribution."

As of Nov.19 more than 51 million doses have been allocated and more than 45 million doses have been shipped out to all states and territories, according to the CDC, adding that initial supplies are limited.

A CDC advisory panel has recommended that the following groups receive the vaccine before others: Pregnant women, people who live with or care for children younger than 6 months of age, health care and emergency medical services personnel with direct patient contact, children 6 months through 4 years of age.

Children, especially those younger than 5 years of age and those who have high risk medical conditions, are at increased risk of influenza-related complications, according to a CDC public information sheet.

Korean medical team to visit Solomon Islands

HONIARA, Solomon Islands (Solomon Star/PIR)—A Medical Mission team from the Republic of Korea will be visiting the country next month to operate on patients with eye problems.

The 2009 Cataract Mission will visit the country from December 10 to 13.

According to organizers, the team will include six doctors and nurses and will perform surgical operations at the National Referral Hospital over the three-day period.

Due to limited time only 100 patients with worst conditions will be given priority.

Cataract is a cloud-like object covering the black part of the eye.

It develops from various reasons, including long term exposure to ultra-violet light, exposure to radiation, secondary effects of diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, and advance age or trauma.

This problem is a leading cause of blindness in the region.

Wearing sunglasses is advisable to slow down the rate.

And if you have that condition, please visit the eye clinic at the hospital this Thursday and next Thursday for a diagnose in order to get your name registered for surgery.

The medical mission was organized by Good People, a UN ECOSO Special Consultative Status NGO, and Oceania Mission Community of Yoido Full Gospel Church.

FOR THOSE WITH NO 'UMBRELLA' PERMITS

DOC to lose jurisdiction over some alien students

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Starting today, the Commerce Department will have no authority or jurisdiction over foreign students and investors who failed to get their "umbrella" permits in time for today's official start of the transition period for CNMI federalization, according to Commerce Secretary Michael Ada yesterday.

Over 2,000 permits were to be issued to both foreign enrollees and investors until yesterday.

Although the agency noted a "pretty good turnout" during the final day of issuance, Ada believes there are still some recipients who were not able to pick up their permits.

Commerce stayed up until 9pm yesterday at the Multi-Purpose Center to issue the permits. They began operations at 8:30am.

Prior to yesterday's deadline, Ada said that about 400 permits have already been issued to both foreign students and investors.

As of 4 pm yesterday, the agency estimated that only a little over 800 permits were picked up. Ada expressed optimism that all permits will be issued as scheduled.

"I don't think we will have a large percentage of students who will not get their permits. But again, if there are foreign students who haven't pick up their permits yet…I cannot really speak for what's going to happen to them. At this point, because this is such a big transition…it is all up to the federal government," Ada told *Saipan Tribune.*

The Commerce official said there will be no extension for those who failed to get their permits. "We've done our best to reach out to them," Ada said.

Because majority of foreign students are Chinese nationals, the agency specifically reached out to schools, Chinese association and communities to fully inform them about the permits. Translators for Chinese nationals also volunteered to help the agency.

Meantime, the processing and issuance of permits to investors went faster than for students due to the smaller number of permit holders.

"It's very smooth…because we tend to know the investors because we're dealing with them for such a long time here," Ada said.

'Temporary permits'

Ada disclosed that what they issued yesterday were temporary permits. Holders are scheduled to return to Commerce on March 1, 2010, to claim their permanent umbrella permit.

More than 10 Commerce personnel attended to the applicants, verifying their documents and requirements. Sponsors of students were also verified. Separate tables were arranged for foreign students and investors.

Ada said the permits issued out yesterday were the ones approved and transmitted by both Labor and Immigration departments to Commerce.

However, there were still some applications that weren't printed out as of yesterday, among the "problems" that were addressed right away.

All were checked in the agency's database before proceeding to the next tables for processing.

"We're trying to dispose of the remaining permits that are still outstanding…and majority that we have now are for foreign students," Ada said.

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Commerce Deputy Secretary Sixto Igisomar checks the records of a foreign student and her parent during yesterday's issuance of umbrella permits for alien students and investors at the Multi-Purpose Center.

Pelisamen in Guam for kidney surgery, seeks sentencing delay

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Convicted former estate administrator Luis Kaipat Pelisamen asked the federal court yesterday to again postpone his sentencing because he is currently in Guam for possible kidney surgery.

Attorney Douglas Cushnie, counsel for Pelisamen, asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to continue the date for sentencing from Nov. 30, 2009 to Dec. 4, 2009.

Cushnie said Pelisamen called him yesterday and informed him that his appointment on Dec. 2, 2009, is to determine whether he is ready for and will have kidney surgery in Guam.

The lawyer said his client stated that if it is necessary, he will be sent to Hawaii if Guam physicians are unable to do the required procedure.

Cushnie said Pelisamen is requesting that the sentencing be continued to Dec. 4 with the understanding that, in light of his medical situation, this may also have to be changed.

Pelisamen earlier asked the court to continue the sentencing that was set for Nov. 18, to Nov. 30, 2009. The first date of sentencing was Sept. 29, 2009.

Pelisamen used to serve as administrator of the estate of Rita Kaipat. The estate received $1.37 million in distribution. The U.S. government charged Pelisamen with the unlawful use of estate funds.

On June 22, 2009, the federal jury found Pelisamen guilty of conspiracy to commit wire fraud, wire fraud, conspiracy to commit money laundering, and two counts of money laundering.

Pelisamen moved for a new trial. Munson denied the motion.

Pelisamen's co-defendant, fugitive lawyer Joseph Aldan Arriola, is facing separate charges of wire fraud and money laundering.

Arriola appeared in court Wedneday after the Philippine government deported him.

The U.S. government charged Arriola and Pelisamen with wire fraud and money laundering for stealing $625,575 from the estate's account.

Arriola was the counsel of Pelisamen. Arriola fled to the Philippines. Pelisamen was arrested and subsequently found guilty.

In June 2009, a composite team of Philippine law enforcers arrested Arriola in a village in the northern part of the Philippines.

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sentatives convenes in January 2010, ending the leadership of Republicans in the lower chamber.

This came about after four independents aligned themselves with Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's Covenant Party, giving the ruling party an 11-member majority.

All of the independents got four of the eight committee chairmanships.

Rep.-elect Felicidad T. Ogumuro (Cov-Saipan) will be the next vice speaker.

Rep.-elect George N. Camacho (Ind-Saipan) will be the next floor leader, a post currently held by his brother, Joseph N. Camacho, a former independent lieutenant governor candidate who supported Fitial during the runoff election.

The new 20-member House will have nine Republicans, seven Covenants, and four independents.

Republicans were earlier hoping to get at least two independents to be able to get the House majority.

Vice Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan) earlier expressed intention to seek the speaker's post but later gave way to Rep. Diego T. Benavente (R-Saipan) because of his proven leadership, being a former speaker. Rep. Ray N. Yumul (R-Saipan) also earlier expressed willingness to serve as speaker.

"Nothing's ever final until the inaugural session," Deleon Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Benavente and Yumul declined to comment.

Caucus

At the request of Fitial and Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, House Floor Leader Joseph N. Camacho presided over yesterday's caucus of the Covenant Party and the independents to discuss the leadership of the 17th House.

Camacho said only Tenorio and Torres were absent. Tenorio was ill, while Torres was in Guam spending the Thanksgiving weekend with his son, but both participated in the caucus via teleconference.

"I was asked by Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos to gather the members and preside over this caucus. As such, we met (Friday) and all members were eager, cooperative and excited to lead the 17th Legislature to improve the lives of the people of the CNMI," Camacho said in a statement.

The chairs of the eight committees are:

- Ways and Means Committee: Rep.-elect Ramon S. Basa (Cov-Saipan)
- Federal and Foreign Relations Committee: Rep.-elect Frederick P. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan)
- Health and Welfare Committee: Rep.-elect Sylvestre I. Iguel (Cov-Saipan)
- Education Committee: Rep. Raymond D. Palacios (Cov-Saipan)
- Natural Resources Committee: Rep.-elect Teresita A. Santos (Ind-Rota)
- Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications Committee: Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan)
- Commerce and Tourism Committee: Rep.-elect Edmund S. Villagomez (Cov-Saipan)
- Judiciary and Governmental Operations Chairman: Rep.-elect Rafael S. Demapan (Cov-Saipan)

The current House speaker, Arnold I. Palacios, ran for lieutenant governor with Rep. Heinz S. Hofschneider, who ran for governor.

Partial, unofficial results of the CNMI's first gubernatorial runoff election on Nov. 23 showed that the Fitial-Inos team beat the Palacios-Hofschneider team by 501 votes although some 1,000 remaining absentee votes have yet to be counted on Dec. 7.

The nine Republicans in the 17th House include incumbents Deleon Guerrero, Benavente, Yumul, Ramon A. Tebuteb, and Francisco S. Dela Cruz, as well as newcomers Antonio P. Sablan, Joseph M. Palacios, Eliceo D. Cabrera, and Trenton Brian Conner.

In the Senate, the president for the 17th Legislature will be Sen. Paul A. Manglona (R-Rota).

HUNDREDS

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Fifty-five-year-old Leonarda Benito, a caretaker, ignored the pain in her feet after standing nearly four hours in line to make sure that she will not be left behind when the federal government takes over local immigration today.

Benito fell in line before noon yesterday. At 3:30pm, she was still outside the Labor building, next to more than 50 individuals in front of her. Yesterday was the second time she was advised to claim her permit. She's been working in the CNMI for 14 years now.

Zandro Quilala, 38, was among several individuals who were lining up for permits for immediate relatives.

With the large number of people before him, he expressed willingness to wait, "whatever it takes."

As a cook, yesterday was his only available time to claim the requirement, he said. "I will wait here…until I get it," he told *Saipan Tribune*, emphasizing the "security" the permit would bring him.

Quilala is married to a local resident and has been living on island for 15 years now.

As of 4pm yesterday, Quilala said it looked like he may have to wait until evening to get his permit.

A number of contract workers as well as IRs were seen taking shelter from the heat under their umbrellas; others managed to bring their own chairs.

A group of men admitted that because they expected the long lines on the last day, they came prepared for a little "sacrifice."

The Labor Department printed an estimated 13,000 umbrella permits.

Yesterday, the department's special legal counsel, Deanne Siemer, was seen assisting groups of workers outside the building.

She told *Saipan Tribune* that the agency will continue to issue the permits until midnight, prior to the enforcement of federalization effective Nov. 28 at 12:01am.

Siemer said they expect to finish the long line at about 8pm. "But we will be here until we issue all the permits," she assured.

Siemer said there were some confusion early yesterday relating to the list issued by the Immigration Division on overstayers.

However, she said the confusion was between the Attorney General's Office and the Immigration Division and this has been properly addressed.

Also seen providing assistance to workers and IRs were the officials of the United Workers Movement and Philcowa—Ronnie Doca and Rabby Syed. Like Siemer, they intended to stay until everyone has claimed their permits.

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States flag and is one of historical significance as it marks the end of an unusual era and closes the chapter on what could be categorized as one of the most unique immigration arrangements in U.S. history," said the judge in a three-page general order.

American Samoa is still exempt from U.S. immigration laws. It exercises its own immigration controls.

With the federalization law taking effect today, Saturday, Wiseman said the Commonwealth's power to control local immigration ceases to exist midnight of the day.

"This court will no longer have any authority to determine the immigration status of any person before the court, including more than 200 cases now pending," he said.

The judge said U.S. Immigration officials will now determine the immigration status of respondents in deportation cases pending before the Superior Court, as well as any others.

He said the Attorney General's Office may refer these matters to the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency, which is a branch of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, as they see fit.

The Superior Court's immigration calendar is the only one in the CNMI judiciary that the U.S. Public Law 110-229 (federalization law) affects directly. The law took effect midnight Friday.

Wiseman said the power to formulate immigration policy in the CNMI was vested in the Commonwealth Legislature pursuant to Section 503 of the Covenant. Since Jan. 9, 1978, the Commonwealth has been its own sovereign with respect to immigration matters.

"The Commonwealth has been analyzing, deciding, and deliberating on immigration issues, whether it is in allowing aliens entry to the CNMI or to deport them from the CNMI, as well as to prescribe conditions for their stay here, and it has been the application of Commonwealth immigration law and not the immigration law of the United States that has controlled. Said power ceases to exist midnight of this day," he said.

Wiseman said over the years, the Superior Court has been deeply involved in the immigration powers exercised by the Commonwealth.

Wiseman handled the immigration calendar for eight years.

"Along with my colleagues and other judges before us, we have acted upon thousands of deportation cases over the last 32 years, as well as conducted judicial reviews of administrative decisions to refuse entry to persons arriving in the CNMI," he said.

Wiseman said the federalization law removes the CNMI's right to exercise any jurisdiction whatsoever with respect to immigration within the CNMI, "and will officially close this chapter of CNMI history."

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The so-called federalization of local immigration took decades of political, social and economic wrangling between Washington, D.C. and the CNMI.

The last U.S. territory to control its own immigration, the CNMI is now officially subject to the same immigration laws as all U.S. states and territories, like its neighbor Guam.

Among other things, this means U.S. visas are now required of foreigners entering the CNMI, just like Guam, Hawaii, and the rest of the United States, except for those from countries included in visa waiver programs or exempted through a parole program.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security and its agencies now administer immigration in the Commonwealth, pursuant to Public Law 110-2209, which President Bush signed in May 2008.

The same law gave the CNMI its first non-voting delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives, Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP), who was elected by CNMI voters in November 2008.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's lawsuit against the U.S. government was not able to persuade a federal court judge that the so-called federalization violates the Covenant between the United States and the Northern Marianas.

But Fitial, in an interview with *Saipan Tribune* this week, concedes that the CNMI does not have the necessary resources to control its own borders amid the U.S. war against terrorism.

He, however, insists that the federal government should back off from controlling the CNMI's labor system.

"I am sad," Fitial said, referring to the fact that the CNMI is treated differently among other U.S. territories that control their own labor.

The CNMI, a commonwealth in political union with the United States, has some 50,000 residents and foreign laborers, mostly from the Philippines and China.

Fitial, who is likely to become the first governor to be re-elected in three decades, said federalization would restrict access to foreign labor and tourists, and result in the collapse of the economy, which this year completely lost its once mighty garment industry.

But Fitial didn't lose everything in his federalization lawsuit. Judge Paul Friedman issued on Nov. 25 a preliminary injunction to prevent DHS from implementing its interim final rule on the CNMI transitional worker program effective today.

Under the interim final rule, foreign workers need to obtain a CW-1 visa from a U.S. embassy, after securing a CW-1 status in the CNMI. "CW" stands for "Commonwealth transitional workers."

As of yesterday, however, key DHS officials involved in the CNMI federalization could not say how the federal judge's ruling would impact their policies.

All set

Edward H. Low, public affairs liaison at the Customs and Border Protection-San Francisco office, said CBP is all set to take over immigration in the CNMI.

"We have 42 CBP staff onsite. Equipment is up and running, and has tested okay," he said yesterday.

The first flight that CBP officers were set to process was due in at 1:20am today, involving a Northwest Airlines flight from Japan.

CBP fingerprinting and eye scan will also become main fixtures at the airport, just like anywhere in the U.S.

Jerry Aevermann, CBP's current assistant port director in Guam, is now the CBP's interim port director for the CNMI. Included in the 40 to 50 CBP temporary duty personnel in the CNMI are those from Guam.

'Where do we go from here?'

For the 30-plus CNMI immigration officers, federalization means either losing their job or being transferred to other local agencies.

One of them is Adela Capati, 49, who has been a CNMI immigration officer since 1991.

In her 18 years with immigration, she has held several assignments, from airport inspector to immigration paper processing.

"This job is my bread and butter and this takeover has caused me a lot of stress. I cannot even argue. I was offered a job at the Department of Corrections and I don't have a choice," Capati said in an interview yesterday.

The governor earlier said the administration has been trying to reassign immigration officers to other agencies like Labor and Immigration Identification System and the Division of Customs so that they won't completely lose jobs.

Capati, a single mother, said the remaining immigration officers have been asked to continue reporting work to the Division of Immigration office in San Antonio, at least until Dec. 31 to finish all the needed work.

Capati was among the 37 of over 70 CNMI immigration officers automatically disqualified from being hired by CBP because of the federal agency's 37-year-old age cutoff.

"I'm already 49 years old but I have been working as immigration officer since 1991 and I believe I will be a big help. Just when we already reached this age, we have to either lose or transfer jobs," she added.

After World War II, the Northern Marianas was administered by the United States as part of the United Nations Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands; thus, defense and foreign affairs were the responsibility of the United States.

In the 1970s, the people of the Northern Marianas decided not to seek independence, but instead to forge closer links with the United States. Negotiations for territorial status began in 1972 and, in 1975, a covenant to establish a commonwealth in political union with the U.S. was approved. A new government and constitution went into effect in 1978. The CNMI's residents are U.S. citizens.

Boy shot dead in shooting rampage buried

Vince Larry Rosario II, the 5-year-old boy who was among the four persons shot dead during a recent shooting rampage by a gunman, was buried yesterday at the Chalan Kanoa cemetery.

Rosario's body was brought for last viewing to the family's residence in Kannat Tabla yesterday morning before being taken to Mt. Carmel Church for the Mass.

He was then buried in the cemetery.

Many family members, relatives, friends, along with some police officers, attended the emotional funeral services.

Among those present at the funeral was 19-year-old Amber Mendiola, Vince's third cousin and a neighbor.

"He was always around here playing with my little brothers and sisters," said Mendiola during an interview with *Saipan Tribune* during the last viewing at the Rosario family's residence.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Family members, friends, and funeral services employees carry the coffin of the 5-year-old Vince Larry Rosario II after yesterday's last viewing at the Rosario family's residence in Kannat Tabla. Vince was buried yesterday at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery. The boy was among the four persons who was shot dead by Li Zhong Ren at a residence next to the Kannat Tabla shooting range.

Mendiola said she is very close to the Rosario family. She said Vince was a very happy boy who was very close to his mother.

Kate, a family friend, described Vince as a very nice boy who was good with computers.

Vince was at the residence of the couple Enrique Naputi and Kollin Deleon Guerrero next to the Kannat Tabla shooting range when gunman Li Zhong Ren opened fire on the group last Friday.

Vince is Deleon Guerrero's godson. Naputi's and Deleon Guerrero's daughter Dolores was supposed to celebrate her fourth birthday that day.

Dolores survived the attack, but her father, Enrique, and her 1-year-old sister Korina died.

Enrique Naputi's nephew, Richard Borja, who was in his 20's, also died.

The funeral for Enrique and his daughter will be held today, Saturday.

After shooting the family in Kannat Tabla, Li proceeded to Marpi where he shot and injured seven Korean tourists. He then went to Banzai Cliff, shot some more tourists, then shot himself in the head. No one was hurt in the Banzai Cliff shooting. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Warning against hazardous surf remains until Sunday

Large swells generated by Super Typhoon Nida continue to produce hazardous surf conditions and a high risk of rip currents along south and west facing exposures through Sunday morning, according to the CNMI Emergency Management Office.

The high surf and small craft advisory remain in effect, EMO said. A small craft advisory for hazardous seas means that seas 10 ft or greater are expected to produce conditions hazardous to small craft.

Expect hazardous surf of 10 to 12 feet along southern exposures and 9 to 11 feet along western exposures today. As Super Typhoon Nida moves farther away, surf height will gradually subside. Surf above advisory heights is expected to continue along south and west facing reefs until Sunday morning.

Based on information received from the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, south wind is projected at 10 to 15 knots today and tonight, with wind waves of 3 to 4 ft., a southwest swell at 8 to 9 ft and east swell at 4 ft.

EMO is strongly advising the public to avoid venturing near exposed reefs and beaches, especially along eastern exposures as rip currents can be life threatening. ***(EMO)***

Samoa hosts regional immigration training workshop

Spotting fake documents can reduce people smuggling

APIA, Samoa (Samoa Observer)—People smugglers see the opportunity in gaps in border control in the Pacific Islanders.

"They know there are no machines and systems in the small islands in the Pacific to detect their activities," said Togatalima Fa'afouina Milford, Acting Assistant CEO, Immigration Division, Samoa. "So they use us."

Countries in the region acknowledge their weaknesses.

But every year since 2006 they do something about them through regional workshops that make use of expertise from Australia and New Zealand.

Samoa hosts this year's workshop, which started yesterday.

The Immigration Division, however, secured an extra day for themselves and local ministries whose work impact on border control with the experts.

They held training on Monday with the experts, Elena Barlow, David Godfrey and Justin Watts.

The people smuggler moves humans from point one to point three via point two.

He collected his money at the point of origin so does not care if his "cargo" are caught at a transit point like Samoa, said Togatalima.

Because Samoa and the stranded people end up suffering we must be vigilant in border control, he said.

Identifying fake travel documents and other detection skills are taught in the workshops.

As of Monday afternoon, a participant from Land Transport Authority learnt the value of having hidden features embedded in drivers' license – just like passports.

With an Edison detector at Faleolo airport, Samoa is not so easy a target for people smugglers as shown in the recent capture of three Fijians using false passports, Togatalima said.

A Nigerian was discovered last year using a fake passport going through Samoa.

The authorities here kept quiet about it but alerted their New Zealand counterparts who made the arrest. More sophisticated methods are used to provide for people to use the Pacific to enter other countries.

"That is why these workshops that are done every year are so important. They upgrade our skills and all kinds of mechanisms we can use to combat the fraudulent activities surfacing."

Togatalima thanked Australia through its Department of Immigration and Citizenship, New Zealand Immigration and Pacific Islands Forum, for funding training in detection of fake travel documents.

Pacific neighbors have a mutual interest in keeping their borders secure, he said.

Saipan Chamber's Student Career Exploration Day eyes 115 students

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The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will host next week its fourth annual Student Career Exploration Day, where a total of 115 high school students are expected to join.

The event aims to give high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to learn about different careers from the people performing the jobs.

The Chamber's objective is to give students some information that will guide them when deciding their own future careers.

Saipan Tribune learned that this year's participants are greater by 30 students than the previous year.

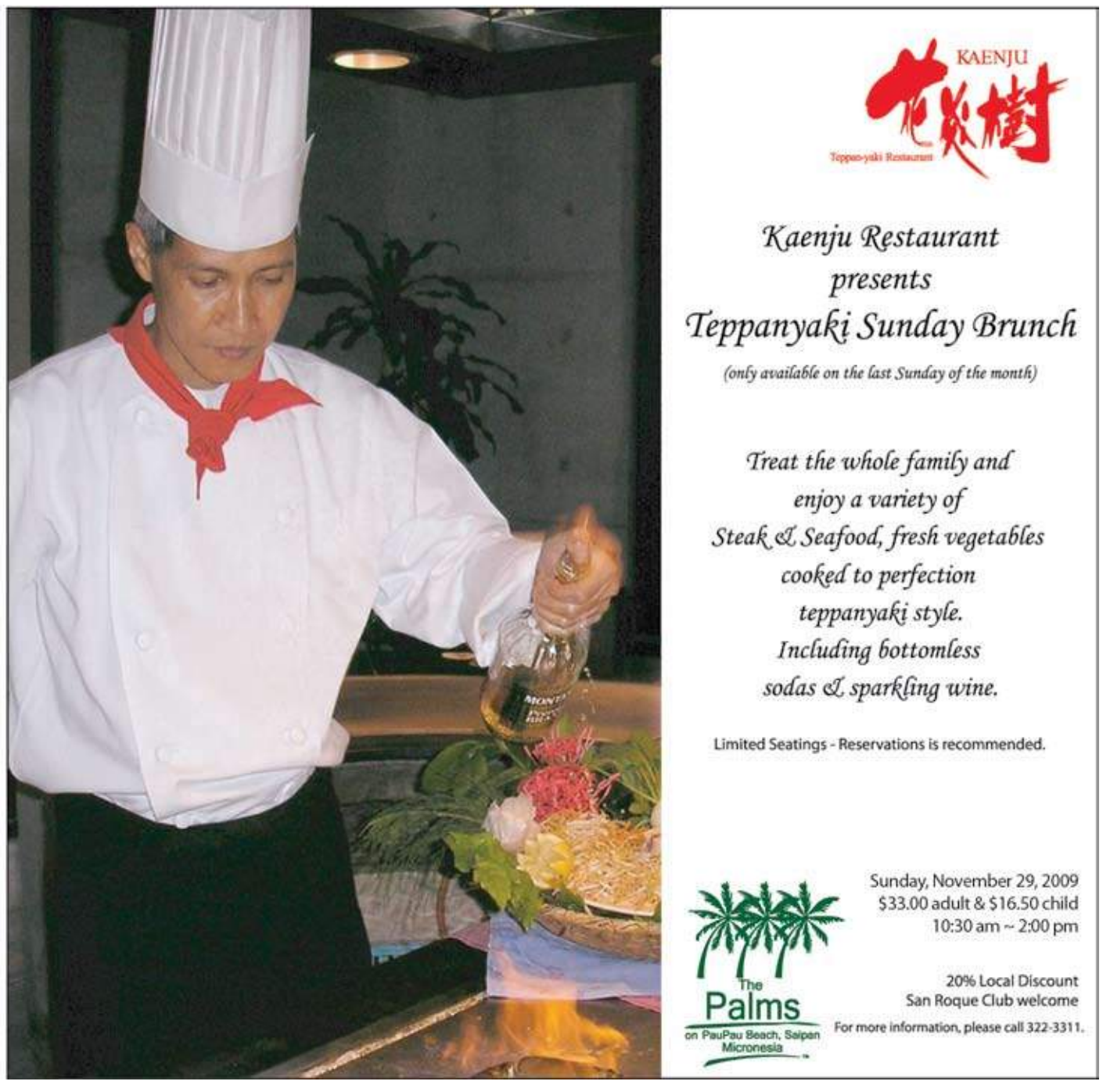
In an e-mail to all members, the Saipan Chamber of Commerce described the event as an excellent opportunity for secondary students to experience a day in the life of a private business.

"We thank you for allowing these students to 'shadow' you or one of your employees," the Chamber's message said, expecting the students to be paid for their one-day service with the firms.

The group pointed out that it wants the participants to experience as full a range of activities as possible, consistent with the job they are assigned to. It asked members to bring the "employees" to the general membership meeting on Dec. 2 at Saipan World Resort.

Besides educational programs such as this, the Chamber also provides scholarship programs to deserving CNMI students in public and private schools.

Special sessions and workshops that will help them in their education and plans for the future are also provided every year on a regular basis.



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EDITORIAL

Modest goal for Copenhagen

After months of speculation, President Obama announced this week that he will travel to Copenhagen to attend an international climate-change conference scheduled for Dec. 7-18. More important is that he also decided to take with him an American emissions-reduction target. The United States is no longer the only developed country without an explicit goal.

On both counts, there are risks. As with his unsuccessful mission to win the Olympics for Chicago, Obama will be criticized if he comes home with less of an agreement than he hopes for. And by setting a goal before Congress acts, he risks alienating legislators. But on both counts, he made the right call. The United States has been a laggard for too long on climate change.

Putting a number on the table, no matter how tentative, should improve Obama's chances of getting something in return in Copenhagen, particularly from developing countries that have historically resisted making firm international commitments to curb their emissions. Not only is that key for a workable international agreement, it's critical to reviving the legislative process at home. The House passed its Waxman-Markey cap-and-trade bill over the summer, but the effort in the Senate has stalled. And the legislation currently on the table is far from ideal. If Obama comes back from Denmark with serious commitments from big polluters in the developing world, particularly China, he can tout what he got in exchange for setting an American target and encourage Congress to get on with codifying it.

In the long run, the target Obama chose—in the range of 17 percent below 2005 levels by 2020—is probably too modest. Grouped with other nations' promises, the aggregate international commitment on the table is probably inadequate, too. That's also something the administration and the world will have to address, eventually.

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Monogamy isn't easy, naturally

By DAVID P. BARASH
Special to the Los Angeles Times

Barash, an evolutionary biologist, is a professor of psychology at the University of Washington; his most recent book—co-written with Judith Eve Lipton—is Strange Bedfellows: The Surprising Connection Between Sex, Evolution and Monogamy.

Right-wing pro-marriage advocates are correct: Monogamy is definitely under siege. But not from uncloseted polyamorists, adolescent "hook-up" advocates, radical feminists, Godless communists or some vast homosexual conspiracy. The culprit is our own biology.

Researchers in animal behavior have long known that monogamy is uncommon in the natural world, but only with the advent of DNA "fingerprinting" have we come to appreciate how truly rare it is. Genetic testing has recently shown that even among many bird species—long touted as the epitome of monogamous fidelity—it is not uncommon for 6 percent to 60 percent of the young to be fathered by someone other than the mother's social partner. As a result, we now know scientifically what most people have long known privately: that social monogamy does not necessarily imply sexual monogamy.

In the movie "Heartburn," the lead character complains about her husband's philandering and gets this response: "You want monogamy? Marry a swan!" But now, scientists have found that even swans aren't monogamous. (Nor are those widely admired emperor penguins, whose supposed march to monogamy was misconstrued from another popular movie; their domesticity lasts only for the current breeding season—next year, they'll find new mates.)

For some, findings of this sort may mitigate a bit of the outrage visited on the current and future crop of adulterers du jour, recently including but assuredly not limited to Eliot Spitzer, Mark Sanford, John Ensign and John Edwards. For others, it simply shows that men are clueless, irresponsible oafs. The scientific realty, however, is more nuanced, and more interesting, especially for those looking to their own matrimonial future.

First, there can be no serious debate about whether monogamy is natural for human beings. It isn't. A Martian zoologist visiting planet Earth would have no doubt: Homo sapiens carries all the evolutionary stigmata of a mildly polygamous mammal in which both sexes have a penchant for occasional "extra-pair copulations."

But natural isn't necessarily good. Think about earthquakes, tsunamis, gangrene or pneumonia. Nor is unnatural bad, or beyond human potential. Consider writing a poem, learning a second language or mastering a musical instrument. Few people would argue that learning to play the violin is natural; after all, it takes years of dedication and hard work. A case can be made, in fact, that people are being maximally human when they do things that contradict their biology. "Doing what comes naturally" is easy. It's what nonhuman animals do. Perhaps only human beings can will themselves to do things that go against their "nature."

And finally, even though anyone aspiring to genuine monogamy will, on balance, have to swim upstream against the current of his or her evolutionarily bequeathed inclinations, there are also considerable biological forces supporting such efforts. Some animals manage to be monogamous. California mice (Peromyscus californicus), for example, pair up and remain paired, forsaking all others, largely because of the payoff derived from having two parents to care for offspring. Beavers establish lasting pair-bonds that enable them to cooperate in building a valuable, complex home site. The Malagasy giant jumping rat has evidently made the jump to monogamy because of the predator-fighting benefits thereby provided. And among pygmy marmosets, monogamy gives males unconscious confidence of their paternity, which in turn supports their inclination to be unusually paternal.

And human beings? Our species benefits greatly from bi-parental care. We can profit from shared, reciprocated effort, especially when we're confident both partners will be around for the long term. In addition, human beings are endowed with an array of hard-wired traits that can be used to strengthen monogamy, among them a penchant (perhaps even a need) to attach and connect so-called mirror neurons that underlie empathy; hormonal systems, such as those involving oxytocin and vasopressin, that relate sexual satisfaction to pair-bonding; and neural plasticity that promotes the strengthening of brain circuits associated with repeated reward mechanisms—including, in all likelihood, those activated via interactions with the same individual.

Add to this the fact that people have big brains, and hence, an ability to rescue monogamy from monotony, as well as the capacity to imagine the future and a visceral dislike of dishonesty, and the effect of biology on monogamy becomes complex indeed. Not to mention the adaptive significance of that thing called love.

To be sure, monogamy isn't easy; nor is it for everyone. But anyone who claims that he or she simply isn't cut out for monogamy misses the point: No one is. At the same time, no one's biology precludes monogamy either.

As Jean-Paul Sartre famously advised (albeit in a different context): "You are free; choose."

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Ruth L. T. on my mind

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

From the NKJV of the Old Testament of the Bible (*Tanakh* to Judaism) come these lines from the Book of Ruth:

"Entreat me not to leave you,
or to turn back from following you;
For wherever you go, I will go;
And w herever you lodge, I will lodge;
Your people shall be my people,
and your God, my God.
Where you die, I will die,
and there will I be buried.
The LORD do so to me,
and more also, if anything
but death parts you and me."

After the exile from Babylon, Ezra and Nehemiah struggled with the seeming unfaithfulness of YHWH to Abraham's descendants who lived out of the promise that their line will live on forever. They returned strangers to what they claimed to be their birthright, the source of the racial divide that characterizes Palestine to this day. The conservatives blamed the intermarriage of Jews to people not of the promise land, and birthed a movement toward racial purity that still echoes among the Jews to this day. The story of Ruth the Moabite from beyond the Jordan balances that ethnocentricity, for in her line would come King David of Bethlehem, and later, Jesus the Nazarene.

It was January this year when Angelo V., not quite my shadow mayor of Saipan yet, published a prayer for our biblical namesake Ruth Tighe (in her own words) in his blog. Ruth was in Honolulu dealing with cancer tissues in her lungs, and reporting about it. Now, before anyone jumps to "Oh, my God, did she die?" Ruth is very much alive. If people recall Norman Cousins of the *Atlantic Monthly* who was given less than a year and lasted a decade to tell about how one's frame of mind makes a lot of difference, Ruth is very upbeat and feeling much better, thank you! My take is that I want to say "thank you" and "goodbye" while she is still in full control of her faculties.

A colleague who ran a well-received and celebrated "rites of passage" youth curriculum in Washington State, had a heart attack two weeks ago. He was getting ready for a Sunday communal event when he had the stroke. His family and friends watched caregivers at the local ER try to revive him to no avail.

"It was violent for him but also beautiful in that we saw how he responded to attempts to care for his life. He had only one death to die, as he had only one life to live. He experienced the fullness of both," his daughter would inform the rest of us. Members of the family and alerted friends, while this was going on, gathered, cried, and laughed together as they recalled tidbits of his life, sang songs that were dear to him together—both religious and secular, and regaled each other with stories of events and incidents in his life that were impacting and significant to those doing the reminiscing.

The staff of the trauma center would later thank his family and his friends for "showing us a different kind of mourning, a rejoicing in the midst of grief, a celebration of the completion of a life." There were no recitations of cheap consolations, nor were there offerings of escapist platitudes; there was only a profound and graceful acceptance of reality in total awe of its full mystery and wonder.

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"The secret is how to die," begins *The Lost Symbol*, the sequel to Robert Brown's *The Da Vinci Code*. Indeed, in a time when what passes for comfort is an escapist avoidance of reality, and the balm for struggle is to anesthetize the suffering and numb the pain, the issue of who is in charge of one's dying has become a live issue in the hallowed battle ground of communal obedience and individual freedom. It is also a matter of treating one's death, ala Carlos Castaneda, as a friend, rather than as a foe!

Ruth L. Tighe continues to report on her health and her occasional need of oxygen, and though I do not run into her anymore, I hold a picture in my mind of a woman who approaches the one death she will ever struggle to die, with tranquility and equanimity.

A librarian out of Columbia U in NYC, with a bent for the governance of law rather than the whims of humans, she had exhibited in her columns an objective obedience to the legislated consensus, and has not hesitated to call everyone, particularly elected officials, to account before communal mandates. She will remain an accountability structure to many, I believe, to her last breath.

If she has shown fidelity to the law, she has not hesitated to speak to power. Her exercise of her understanding of freedom extends not only in her columns, letters to the editors, and public pronouncements, but also to direct responses to requests for public comments, not to mention her constant cajoling for the rest of us to pay attention to and mind the commons—environmentally, socially, and culturally. These are not her words but she exemplifies one who holds the creative tension between obedience and freedom, and in ethical terms, that translates to a heightened sense of responsibility.

Two incidents leave me beholden to her care. When I first started submitting articles for publication, she bothered to point out lapses in grammar and syntax. Not that I have ever conformed to the standard usage of English, but she had made me conscious of my thinking patterns and how I organize my thoughts the way they come out on paper. Then, when her column was pulled out of the Sunday edition of the *Tribune* because it was already online on Friday and sent to readers by e-mail, I alleged political interference behind the decision, and resigned. The late ST publisher John Pangelinan promised that never would I ever be censored, nor my articles refused publication because of its content. The paper kept its word, and I had not missed a beat since.

This is my penultimate submission for this year. My valedictory article(s) will come next week. After that, should I ever pick up on doing social commentary again, it will surely be in honor and in the fearless tradition of Ruth L. Tighe, On My Mind! Thank you, Ruth, and let the "goodbyes" come when they come!

In any season, connected life is a great gift

By NICHOLAS A. CHRISTAKIS and JAMES H. FOWLER
Special to the Los Angeles Times

Christakis of Harvard Medical School and Fowler of the University of California, San Diego are the coauthors of Connected: The Surprising Power of Our Social Networks and How They Shape Our Lives.

For most people, the holiday season means spending time with friends and family. We invite them to our Thanksgiving table. We send them cards. We kiss them under the stars to usher in the new year. But we also get angry at them, deal with their demands and endure their opinions of one another.

Amid all this stress, we may be tempted to abandon some of our friends or disconnect from some of our family. But that would be a mistake. We need our connections, good and bad. Every one of them.

After we published a study in 2007 showing that obesity was socially contagious, headline writers and bloggers went wild: "Dump your fat friends!" we read everywhere. But the people who gave this advice missed a crucial point. Yes, our 32-year study of 5,124 people showed that those with obese friends were at greater risk of gaining weight than those with average-weight friends. And, yes, it is likely that the explanation for this is that our ideas about healthy behavior and acceptable body size tend to spread from person to person to person.

But our data also showed that dumping your friends is not the answer. In fact, when we compared people who kept their friends who became fat with those who jettisoned them, we found a startling result. People who kept their overweight buddies were less likely to gain weight than the people who stopped being friends. So while the evidence clearly showed that obesity can spread from person to person, it also showed that getting rid of obese friends did not help. The positive effect of staying connected was stronger than the negative effect of the friend's weight gain.

Of course, a variety of negative outcomes spread in social networks. Gang vendettas generate violence that cascades as new victims are targeted by friends of the fallen. Anxiety spreads like wildfire, causing episodes of epidemic hysteria in which everyone thinks they are sick even if they are not. Bank runs topple small banks, threatening whole financial systems.

This panoply of perils that spread through our social networks could make even the most social of us consider becoming hermits. At the very least, it would tempt many to disconnect from our imperfect connections and huddle close to those we are sure won't infect us with bad behavior. But the beneficial effects of a connected life are so strong that, on balance, the best solution is to help, not abandon, our friends and loved ones.

Take smoking, for example. Over the past 40 years, smoking among U.S. adults has decreased from 45 percent to 21 percent of the population. But people have not been quitting alone. They have been quitting together, in droves. When we analyzed the decline of smoking over that period, we found that when one person quit smoking, it had a ripple effect on the person's friends, the friends' friends and the friends' friends' friends. Whole interconnected groups of smokers quit smoking at roughly the same time, as if a wave of opposition to smoking were spreading through the social network.

And we found evidence that this was not merely the result of smoking bans and skyrocketing cigarette taxes. For example, no relationship in smoking patterns showed up between next-door neighbors. The behavior only appeared to spread between close friends and family.

However, as more and more people have quit smoking, the smokers have been forced to the periphery of their networks, just as they are now forced out of doors to smoke. And it's not just that smokers have become less popular; they also tend to be friends with people who themselves are less popular, which helps to speed up the dramatic increase in their social isolation. As a consequence, it is increasingly difficult to reach these smokers to help them kick the habit. So if you stop being friends with smokers, you are making it that much harder for the people you care about to live healthy lives.

> *As we gather for the holidays, it is important to consider the extraordinary power of our social networks. We not only help ourselves by staying connected, but we also help our whole community.'*

Staying connected is also vital to your emotional well-being. When we studied the spread of happiness, we found that it spreads to three degrees of separation, just as obesity and smoking do.

But here we discovered an intriguing asymmetry. Each happy friend increases a person's probability of being happy by about 9 percent, while each unhappy friend decreases it by only 7 percent. So the virtue of staying connected lies in playing the averages. It's true that the best-connected individuals at the center of the social network are more likely to "catch" an unhappy wave spreading through the network, but they are even more likely to catch a happy wave.

As a result, the people who stay connected are significantly happier than people who don't.

Another reason to keep your friends is that dropping them can change the structure of your network, which might yield unintended consequences. For example, there is evidence that, among high school students, if one person commits suicide, an epidemic can arise around him or her. But the shape of the network also matters. If your friends are friends with each other, it creates dense interconnections in your social circle, and these connections also tend to reduce the likelihood of suicide.

Overall, then, there are two reasons not to ditch your misbehaving, up-to-no-good, loser friends and family members. First, the spread of good things within networks—whether wealth, information, happiness, love or kindness—compensates for the spread of bad things such as germs, crime, slander or sadness.

Second, the network itself is its own reward. Recent research has shown that we would rather give an anonymous gift to a friend who will never repay us than give a gift to a stranger who will. The reason is that we give to sustain our network.

So as we gather for the holidays, it is important to consider the extraordinary power of our social networks. We not only help ourselves by staying connected, but we also help our whole community.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. South winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly sunny with isolated showers. South winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼78°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°

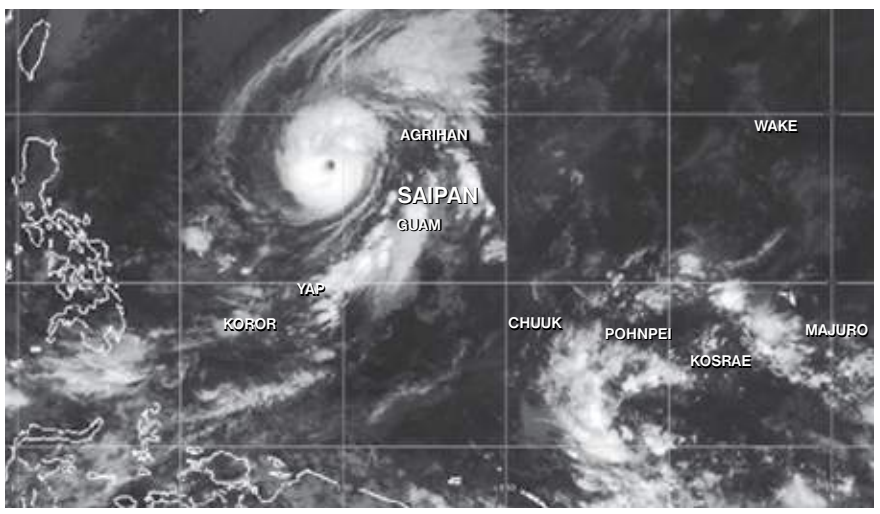
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Showers	▲84	▼77
Palau	Showers	▲85	▼78
Yap	Cloudy	▲86	▼77
Chuuk	Showers	▲87	▼76
Pohnpei	Rain	▲86	▼76
Kosrae	Showers	▲85	▼81
Majuro	Showers	▲84	▼78

Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲73	▼64
Beijing	Cloudy	▲41	▼30
Hong Kong	Partly Sunny	▲79	▼70
Honolulu	Showers	▲78	▼71
London	Showers	▲50	▼41
Los Angeles	Showers	▲66	▼48
Manila	Partly Sunny	▲86	▼73
Melbourne	Rain	▲69	▼56
Miami	Mostly Sunny	▲75	▼61
New York	Cloudy	▲48	▼37
Osaka	Cloudy	▲56	▼40
Paris	Rain	▲47	▼42
Pusan	Showers	▲55	▼43
Rome	Showers	▲61	▼46
Salem	Partly Sunny	▲47	▼35
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	▲61	▼45
Seoul	Cloudy	▲46	▼39
Tokyo	Cloudy	▲55	▼47
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲54	▼39

Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Super Typhoon Nida (26W) is centered 395 miles northwest of Guam at 16N139E Moving north-northwest at 9 mph with maximum sustained winds of 165 mph. Heavy rain and scattered thunderstorms are found near the center between 14N and 18N from 138E to 141E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring farther north and east of the center over the Northern Marianas within 135 miles of a line from 20N141E to 15N148E. For more information on Super Typhoon Nida, see bulletins issued by the JTWC under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and advisories issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. A monsoon trough extends northeastward from Mindanao to Super Typhoon Nida at 16N139E then continues southeastward through a low-level circulation centered south of Pohnpei near 3N160E to end at EQ164E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring along the monsoon trough over Koror and Yap to just south of Guam within 95 miles of a line from 5N131E to 12N144E. Similar conditions also exist near the circulation south of Pohnpei between the equator and 8N from 153E to 160E. Trade-wind convergence is combining with upper-level divergence to produce scattered showers and a few thunderstorms from east of the Marianas southeastward to Kosrae, the Marshall Islands and Butaritari Atoll within 115 miles of a line from 17N155E to 9N159E to 5N165E to 7N168E to 3N175E to 5N180.

Tides

Saipan Harbor		
4:39 AM Today	High Tide:	1.4 Feet
9:55 AM Today	Low Tide:	0.9 Feet
4:03 PM Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
11:13 PM Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:25 AM	5:44 PM
Sunday	6:26 AM	5:44 PM
Monday	6:26 AM	5:45 PM
Tuesday	6:27 AM	5:45 PM
Wednesday	6:28 AM	5:45 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	2:19 PM	2:15 AM
Sunday	3:00 PM	3:07 AM
Monday	3:46 PM	4:02 AM
Tuesday	4:38 PM	5:01 AM
Wednesday	5:35 PM	6:04 AM

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ROTA (ROP)-GUAM

C09597	12:40pm	1:10pm	1, 7

SAIPAN-GUAM

C09317	4:45am	5:35am	Daily
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily
C09597	11:30am	1:10pm	1, 7 via ROP
C09601	12:20pm	1:10pm	4, 5
C09603	3:15pm	4:05pm	Daily
C09605	6:20pm	7:10pm	Daily
C09599	9:20pm	10:10pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

NW287	6:00am	8:40am	Daily
NW297	4:45pm	7:30pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ604	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ604	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ606	3:20pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

CZ3008	3:30am	6:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA

OZ604/701	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ604/701	2:40am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ604/703	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C09603/933	3:15pm	9:40pm	Daily via GUM
C09599/PR111	9:20pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG

OZ604/721	2:10am	12:00pm	1 via ICN
OZ604/721	2:40am	12:00pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN

ARRIVALS

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

C09598	3:30am	4:05am	5, 6
C09312	1:20pm	1:55pm	6

GUAM-ROTA (ROP)

C09598	2:20am	2:50am	5, 6
C09312	12:10pm	12:40pm	6

GUAM-SAIPAN

C09598	2:20am	4:05am	5, 6 via ROP
C09316	2:20am	3:10am	1, 2, 3, 4, 7
C09596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
C09600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
C09312	12:10pm	1:55pm	6 via ROP
C09602	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09604	4:50pm	5:40pm	Daily
C09606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

NW298	10:05pm	2:50pm	Daily
NW288	8:45pm	1:20am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ605	9:00am	2:20pm	4, 7
OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ603	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

CZ3007	7:30pm	2:40am+1	1, 5

MANILA-SAIPAN

OZ702/603	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/603	1:10pm	1:30am+1 via ICN	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
PR110/C09596	10:10pm	7:50am+1 via GUM	1, 3, 5, 6, 7
C0934/9596	11:10pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM
OZ704/605	11:55pm	2:20pm+1	2,4,6,7 via ICN

HONG KONG-SAIPAN

OZ724/605	12:30am	2:20pm	2,4,6,7 via ICN
OZ750/605	1:00am	2:20pm	2,4,6,7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:30pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:30pm	1:30am+1 via ICN	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Editor's Note: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); CO: Continental; FM: Shanghai Airlines; PR: Philippine Airlines; NW: Northwest; OZ: Asiana
ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota			
FRE 100	7:00am	7:30am	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 100	7:50am	8:20am	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 200	9:00am	9:30am	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 200	9:50am	10:15am	Daily
Guam-Rota			
FRE 300	4:00pm	4:30pm	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 300	4:50pm	5:25pm	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 400	6:00pm	6:30pm	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 400	6:45pm	7:15pm	Daily
Saipan-Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45am	6:55am	Daily
FRE 103	7:30am	7:40am	Daily
FRE 105	8:00am	8:10am	Daily
FRE 107	8:40am	8:50am	Daily
FRE 109*	9:10am	9:20am	Daily
FRE 111*	10:45am	10:55am	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 113	11:40am	11:50am	Daily
FRE 115	1:00pm	1:10pm	Daily
FRE 117	2:30pm	2:40pm	Daily
FRE 119	4:00pm	4:10pm	Daily
FRE 121	4:40pm	4:50pm	Daily
FRE 123 *	5:40pm	5:50pm	Daily
FRE 125 *	6:00pm	6:10pm	Daily
Tinian-Saipan w/ connecting flights to Rota or Guam**			
FRE 102	7:05am	7:15am	Daily
FRE 104	7:50am	8:00am	Daily
FRE 106**	8:20am	8:30am	Daily
FRE 108**	9:00am	9:10am	Daily
FRE 110	10:00am	10:10am	Daily
FRE 112	11:05am	11:15am	Daily
FRE 114	12:00pm	12:10pm	Daily
FRE 116	1:30pm	1:40pm	Daily
FRE 118	2:50pm	3:00pm	Daily
FRE 120**	4:20pm	4:30pm	Daily
FRE 122**	5:00pm	5:10pm	Daily
FRE 124	6:05pm	6:15pm	Daily
FRE 126	6:20pm	6:30pm	Daily

Schedule of Religious Services

CATHOLIC

Mt. Carmel Cathedral
Sunday Mass: 6am, 9am, 11am and 6pm
Monday-Saturday: 6am
Wednesday: 6am and 6pm

Korean Center
Sunday: 10:30am
Wednesday: 10am
Thursday-Friday: 8pm
Saturday: 3pm and 7:30pm

Kristo Rai Parish
Sunday Mass: 6am, 8am and 9:30am
Monday- Saturday: 6am
Wednesday: 6am and 6pm
Saturday: 6am and 6pm

Nuestra Senora De Soledad Parish
Wednesday Mass: 6pm
First Friday Healing Mass: 6pm
Saturday Mass: 6pm
Sunday Masses: 7:30am & 9am

Saint Jude Parish
Sunday: 6am, 8am, 10am
Wednesday and Thursday: 6pm

San Antonio Parish
Sunday: 6am and 8am
Tuesday and Friday: 6pm

San Francisco de Borja-Rota
Sunday: 6am and 8am
Monday-Saturday: 6am
Wednesday: 6pm

San Isidro-Rota
Sunday: 5am and 10am
Monday-Wednesday: 7pm
Thursday-Saturday: 5am and 7pm

San Jose (Oleai) Parish
Sunday: 6am and 7:30am
Tuesday-Wednesday and Friday-Saturday: 6pm

San Roque Parish
Sunday: 9am
Wednesday: 6pm
Saturday: 10:30am

San Vicente Parish
Sunday: 6am, 9am and 6pm
Monday-Saturday: 6pm

Santa Remedios
Sunday: 7:30am
Tuesday: 6pm
Saturday: 10am-Baptism

Santa Soledad
Sunday: 7:30am

PROTESTANT

Born Again Christian (Upper Room Int'l Ministries), Saipan
Wednesday Prayer and Healing Night: 8-10:30pm
Saturday Tagalog Service: 8-10:30pm
Sunday English Service: 9:30-11am
Sunday School for Children: 10-11am
Sunday Filipino Service: 7-9pm

Calvary Baptist Church, Saipan
Sunday School: 9am
Sunday Morning Worship: 10am
Sunday Evening Worship: 6pm
Wednesday Prayer Service: 7pm

Chinese Christian Church of Saipan
Worship Services: Sunday, 10am and 7:30pm
Bible Study: Tuesday-Friday, 9:25pm

Cornerstone Christian Church, Saipan
Worship/Study Opportunities
Adult Sunday School: 9am
Youth Sunday School: 9am
English Worship Service Sunday: 10am
Sunday Service: 5:30pm
Worship/Fellowship Sunday: 9:30pm
Evangelism/Follow-up: Sunday/Monday: 1:30/7:30pm
Worship Team: Monday/Saturday-9pm;
Cell Groups Tuesday: 7:30pm
Mid-week Service: 7:30pm
Prayer Meeting Wednesday: 7:30pm
Leader's Bible Study Friday: 7:30 pm
Cornerstone School of Ministry Saturday: 7:30pm

Episcopal/Anglican Church on Saipan
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Worship Service Sunday: Holy Communion 9:00am
Place: Vicarage, Chalan Laulau,
Call 235-0545 for directions

Grace Christian Assembly, Saipan
Worship Service: 9am
GBI Classes: 4-6pm
Prayer Meeting: Monday-Saturday: 6am
Sunday: 7am
Home Cell Bible Study: Wednesday-Friday: 7pm
Youth Service: Friday: 5:30pm

Iglesia Ni Cristo, Saipan
Wednesday: 7:45pm (Tagalog)
Thursday: 5:30am (English); 7:45 pm (English)
Saturday: 7:45pm (Tagalog)
Sunday: 6:45am (English)
Children Worship Service: Sunday, 9am (English)

Immanuel United Methodist Church Koblerville
Sunday Services
9:00 AM
Place of the church-next to Mt. Carmel Cathedral on Chalan Kanoa Dr. • Tel: 322-6158
Pastor JJ Matsumoto

Immanuel Methodist Church (Filipino Congregation)
Sunday: 7:00am-Choir Rehearsal
8:00am-Church Service (Tagalog)
9:15am-Sunday School
Wednesday: 6:30pm, home group
8:00pm-Prayer Meeting
Thursday: 7:30pm-Choir Practice (Church)
Saturday: 8:00pm-Choir Practice (Parsonage)

Jesus is Lord Church, Saipan
English Service: 9-11am, Sunday
Tagalog Service: 6-8pm, Sunday

Korean Presbyterian Church, Saipan
Sunday School: 8:20am
Sunday Adult: 10am
Sunday Adult: 11:30am
Sunday Evening: 7:30pm
Wednesday: 8pm

Life in the Son Christian Fellowship, Saipan
Sunday Worship Service: 10am–12noon
Tuesday: Leadership Institute 7pm-10pm
Wednesday: Corporate prayer 7pm-8pm
Last Friday of the month-prayer: 7pm-11pm
Friday: Youth on Fire: 7pm-9pm
Tel. No. 235-LIFE (5433)

Marianas Baptist Church, Saipan
English Worship Service: 9-10:30am
Evening Worship Service: 6-7pm
Children Sunday School: 9-10:30am
Tagalog Sunday School: 11am-12pm
English Sunday School: 11am-12pm
Korean Worship Service: 11am-12pm
Wednesday Prayer Meeting:
English, 7pm-8pm
Korean: 8:30pm-9:30pm

Missions Connection Ministry
Every Sunday Celebrations:
10am (English), 6pm (Tagalog)
Wednesday Bible Study: 7pm
Youth Impact Friday: 7pm
Saturday Prayer Meeting: 7pm

Northern Marianas Christian Church
Sunday Worship Service 10am Fina Sisu Housing FS#1 (Child care will be provided)
Friday Services @ 7pm Fina Sisu FS#1 for more info pls. contact Ryan 484-2620

Saipan Bible Fellowship Church
Sunday School: 9:30-10am
Divine Worship: 10am-11:30am
Evening Service: 7pm-8:30pm
Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 8pm-9pm

Saipan Christian Church
Sunday: 7:30am-10am
Sunday: 6:30 pm -9pm
Monday: 8 pm -10pm (Prayer Meeting)
Thursday: 8pm-10pm (Cell Groups)

Saipan Church of Christ
Sunday Bible Class: 9am
Sunday Worship: 10am
Sunday Worship English: 6pm
Sunday Worship Tagalog: 7pm
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:30pm

Saipan Community Church
(Sunday Services)
Palau Service: 7:30am-9am
English Service: 10am-11:30am
Chuukese Service: 1pm-2:30pm
Filipino Service: 5:00pm-7:00pm

Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Saipan
(Saturday Church Services)
Sabbath School Program: 9-10am
Lesson Study: 10-10:40am
Divine Service: 11-12pm
Visitation: 3-4pm
Adventist Youth Program: 4:30-5:30pm
Sundown Worship: 6-7pm

First Baptist Church
(Formerly Saipan Baptist Church)
Afetna St., San Antonio
Sunday
9am Sunday school
10am Regular worship
6pm worship
Wednesday
7pm worship
Everyone is warmly welcome to attend our worship services. Transportation is readily available to anyone who needs a ride to our church. For further information, please call Pastor David M. Mclure at 234-1939/235-7779.

Thy Word Ministries Saipan Faith Center
Phone 234-0209
New Christian Charismatic Church Service located in Chalan Paio, Beach Road in the Sablan building on the 2nd floor above Subway Sandwiches.
Senior Pastors: George & Gail Kamakahi
Asst. Pastors: Eric & Penny Sakaguchi
Service Times
Sunday 10:00am Worship Service
Sunday 7pm Discipleship Classes
Tuesday 10:00am Bible Studies
Tuesday 6:00pm Intercessory Prayer
Tuesday 7:00pm Music Practice
Wednesday 7:00pm Mid-Week Service
Saturday 10:00am Evangelism

Upper Room International Ministries
Sunday 5:30am-6:30am
Morning prayer
7am-9am English service
7am-9am Sunday school
10am-12noon English service,
Koblerville
Wednesday 7pm-9pm Prayer meeting
Saturday 7pm-9pm Tagalog service
Venue: Jason Presbyterian Church
Gualo Rai, Saipan

Victory Chapel Christian Fellowship Church
Sunday School: 9:30am
Sunday AM Worship:10:30am
Sunday PM Worship:7:00am
Wed Worship: 7:30pm
Prayer 45 min. Prior to Service Times
Morning Prayer: 6-8am M-S

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Nov. 28, 2000

House OKs tax breaks
Legislation granting tax breaks to new investments as well as present businesses with expansion plans is now before the office of Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio after the lower house yesterday accepted amendments made by the Senate. Proponents urged the local chief executive to immediately act on the measure to pave the way for mostly foreign investors to open new businesses as well as to expand existing establishments. HB 12-199, otherwise known as the "Investment Incentive Act," seeks to provide tax relief to businesses under a qualifying certificate program administered by the Commonwealth Development Authority.

NMHC expects increase in public housing applicants
The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation is anticipating an increase in the number of applicants to a public housing program following President Clinton's signing into law of legislation that makes citizens of the Freely Associated States eligible for Section-8 benefits. Housing Executive Director Marylou S. Ada said the expected increase in the number of applicants for the Section-8 Housing Program will come from citizens of Palau, the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia who have migrated to the CNMI. Ms. Ada disclosed more than 150 families are currently on the waiting list of the federally-funded Public Housing Assistance Program, with majority of the applicants wanting to avail of the NMHC-administered units.

Nov. 28, 2001

NMC student retention low
A pioneering study conducted to improve student retention at the Northern Marianas College affirmed that the public institution is fazed with student retention woes somewhat similar to other US two-year colleges. The NMC's Institutional Effectiveness, in a report, was able to note a 55 percent student withdrawal rate from Fall 2000 to Spring 2001, several points higher than the 47 percent dropout rate based on national norms. The study also reflects a 45 percent student retention rate, solely based on the figures taken from the two regular semesters. This means that out of 944 students who enrolled at the end of Fall last year, 424 returned to take NMC courses in the following Spring semester.

Verizon, Citadel to close MTC sale early next year
Verizon Communications and a consortium of investors led by Citadel Holdings, Inc. are expected to officially close the sale of Micronesian Telecommunications Inc. in the first quarter of 2002. Ownership of MTC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Verizon Communications, will be transferred to the consortium of Citadel, Tan Holdings Corporation and other investors. The terms of the transaction were not disclosed. According to Verizon Group Vice President for International Asset Management John Doherty, the sale is contingent upon the approval by the Federal Communications Commission and the Commonwealth Telecommunications Commission on Saipan.

Nov. 28, 2002

Community urged to fight substance abuse
Gov. Juan N. Babauta yesterday urged the community to recommit itself to overall efforts that are aimed at increasing public awareness and understanding on the ills of substance abuse. Babauta issued this statement yesterday after signing a proclamation that declared December as Mental Health and Substance Abuse Awareness Month. The governor underscored the need for the community to remain sensitive to the needs of individuals who may be at risk of alcohol and substance abuse or suicide. He said the administration needs all the help it can get to prevent the rising number of suicide cases and butane inhalant abuse-especially among CNMI youths.

Cabrera defends MPLA abolition measure
House Rep. Gloria DLC. Cabrera belied talks that she introduced the bill to abolish the Marianas Public Land Authority out of "retaliation" to the MPLA Board's termination of the agency's commissioner. "I suppose that the timing of it does little to assure the people that it has nothing to do with the termination of the former commissioner. But I have not spoken with the former commissioner to date. Nor have I made any effort to contact her," Cabrera told reporters Tuesday. At the same time, the congresswoman denied that the administration "pressured" her into bringing the legislation to the House floor during Friday's session.

Business

Stores look to basics to draw in holiday shoppers

NEW YORK (AP)—As stores prepare for hordes of Black Friday shoppers and mark down high-definition TVs and hot toys, they're also pushing deals on something more mundane—necessities like socks and diapers.

Toys R Us, Walmart and clothing stores in malls are responding to tough economic times by luring people who are making it a more practical holiday this year.

What should shoppers expect? Fewer sumptuous sweaters, $200 robotic toys and other flashy items. Everyday items like flannel shirts, blankets and underwear are the order of the day.

They are designed to appeal to people like John La, a computer programmer from New York, who says he'll focus on simpler things like gloves and sweaters after layoffs hit his company earlier this year. "I am not going to splurge," he said.

Toys R Us' Babies R Us stores are armed with deals on jumbo packs of diapers and baby food for their 5 a.m. opening on Black Friday. Spokeswoman Kathleen Waugh expects shoppers will buy these staples not just for themselves but also as practical gifts.

Walmart's Black Friday promotions include $7 fleece jackets and $3 children's pajamas alongside 50-inch Sanyo plasma HDTVs for $598.

The promotional blitz at the start of the holiday shopping season has high stakes this year both for retailers that have suffered through a year of sales declines and for the economy, which could use a lift from consumer spending. Thanksgiving also falls fairly late this year, meaning fewer shopping days.

The National Retail Federation trade group expects Black Friday crowds to be bigger this year, but retail consultant Walter Loeb says spending for the weekend will be at best unchanged from last year.

People are still "very nervous about the future," said Tracy Mullin, president of the federation. "But I think the good news is that stores get this new consumer, and the products are much less showy."

Stores had reason for optimism when shoppers came back to life a bit in September and October, finally reversing more than a year of sales declines. On Wednesday, the government said October consumer spending was up 0.7 percent, better than expected.

The momentum slowed in early November, particularly for clothing stores. Electronics have been a bright spot, though, thanks to early discounting of TVs and the unveiling of new video games—notably Activision's "Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2."

As the financial meltdown and recession have kept shoppers frugal, stores have tweaked their merchandising approach for Black Friday, so named because it was traditionally the day when crowds of shoppers pushed stores into profitability.

Holiday Web shopping looks brighter than last year

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Online retailers hope the convenience of the Web, plus discounts and deals, spur still-nervous shoppers to spend more online this holiday season—even as traditional retailers brace for mediocre sales.

Internet analysts at comScore Inc. expect online retail revenue to rise 3 percent to $28.8 billion for the months of November and December. That includes the Web sites of traditional retailers, such as Macy's, but excludes auctions, travel and large corporate purchases.

Meanwhile, U.S. holiday retail sales—excluding online—are expected to drop 1 percent from last year, according to the National Retail Federation, the largest retail trade group.

Online estimates and data-gathering methods vary, but e-commerce analysts and Web retailers agree: This year can't possibly be as bad as last year, when the shock of the financial meltdown was still fresh for consumers. ComScore charted a 3 percent drop for Web retail that holiday season—the first such decline since it started tracking the category in 2001.

Much of the growth expected in online shopping—which now accounts for about 7 percent of overall retail sales, according to Forrester Research—is attributed to one factor in particular: Shopping online is a major time saver. You can sidestep crowds, compare prices and ship gifts anywhere without leaving your couch or taking off your bunny slippers.

Jennifer Lankford, 28, expects to buy gifts on the Web for her young cousins and boyfriend this year, saying she hates waiting in lines.

"I can only spend so much time in stores or in a mall before I need to get out of there," she said.

For Lankford and many other consumers, online shopping is also synonymous with bargains. Steep discounts and free shipping are expected to be the norm this holiday season.

Nation

Americans give thanks, see parades, feast in space

NEW YORK (AP)—Giant balloons, floats, marching bands and clowns with confetti brought smiles to hundreds of thousands of revelers eager to catch a glimpse of a parade as steeped in Thanksgiving Day tradition as turkey and pumpkin pie.

Crowds six to seven people deep lined the streets of Manhattan on Thursday for the 83rd annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade as merrymakers gathered nationwide for massive parades in cities such as Detroit and Philadelphia.

Soldiers in war zones received phone calls of appreciation from President Barack Obama, while astronauts hovering above the Earth's surface feasted on turkey smuggled aboard the space shuttle Atlantis.

In New York City, Miss America Katie Stam waved to crowds from a Statue of Liberty float she shared with Meb Keflezighi, the first American in 27 years to win the New York City Marathon.

Shailesh Dighe and his family came to the fabled parade to snap pictures of celebrities including rapper Jay Sean and singer-actress Keke Palmer. Despite the crowds, Dighe said the parade is "totally worth it."

"When you watch it on TV, you don't get that feeling," said Dighe, who splits his time between Manhattan and Princeton, N.J.

For the first time, the parade route bypassed Broadway, which cuts a diagonal slice through Manhattan, as it made its way south from the Upper West Side to the finish at Macy's flagship store in Herald Square.

AP

A float representing the animated character Sponge Bob is moved east on 42nd Street along the new route of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade on Thursday, Nov. 26, 2009, in New York.

The new route traverses the grid of the city's streets and avenues, includes turns around five corners, and is slightly longer than in previous years—2.65 miles compared with 2.5 miles.

Johanna Castillo, 38, of Guttenberg, N.J., said the new route seemed to better accommodate the crowds.

"I was very blessed to get here at the time I did and find a spot" a half-hour before parade time, said Castillo, who arrived with her two children.

Maryann Alonzo, 48, of Queens, N.Y., has been coming to the parade since she was a baby. She showed up Thursday with her daughter and friends to cheer on her father, who's been performing in the parade for 25 years as a clown.

"This is our Thanksgiving," Alonzo said. "More than the food."

Celebrity entertainment included Italian tenor Andrea Boccelli, comedian Jimmy Fallon, former "American Idol" star Katharine McPhee and singers Gloria Gaynor and Carly Simon.

Elsewhere, tens of thousands gathered in the streets of downtown Detroit for the 83rd annual America's Thanksgiving Parade. The country's longest-run Thanksgiving Day parade was held in Philadelphia for its 90th year.

In Detroit, where the September unemployment rate was 17.3 percent, parade organizers set up three locations where revelers could drop off donations of canned food for the area food bank.

Eugene Peterson, 35, an unemployed construction worker from Detroit, said he had plenty to be thankful for.

Obama and GOP differ over recipe for jobs and economy

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama and a top House Republican acknowledged in holiday messages Thursday the economic struggles facing Americans this Thanksgiving but offered starkly different recipes for relief.

Obama and Rep. Mike Pence, R-Ind., singled out U.S. service members at home and abroad for special thanks before saying what they think should be done to fix the economy.

"As much as we all have to be thankful for, we also know that this year millions of Americans are facing very difficult economic times," Obama said in his weekly radio and Internet address. "Many have lost jobs in this recession—the worst in generations. Many more are struggling to afford health care premiums and house payments, let alone to save for an education or retirement. Too many are wondering if the dream of a middle-class life—that American dream—is slipping away."

Obama said his administration has acted by cutting taxes for nearly all working men and women and for small businesses and by extending unemployment benefits and health coverage for millions out of work. He trumpeted other administration initiatives, including the health care overhaul, before saying more needs to be done, particularly for those without jobs.

Obama said he will meet next week with business owners, labor leaders and nonprofit officials to talk about additional efforts to spur job creation.

"It is my fervent hope—and my heartfelt expectation—that next Thanksgiving we will be able to celebrate the fact that many of those who have lost their jobs are back at work and that as a nation we will have come through these difficult storms stronger and wiser and grateful to have reached a brighter day," he said.

New climate targets may not change daily life much

WASHINGTON (AP)—Americans' day-to-day lives won't change noticeably if President Barack Obama achieves his newly announced goal of slashing carbon dioxide pollution by one-sixth in the next decade, experts say.

Except for rising energy bills. And how much they'll go up depends on who's doing the calculating.

The White House will commit the U.S. to a goal of cutting carbon dioxide emissions in 2010 to about 17 percent below 2005 levels at a U.N.-sponsored climate change summit in Copenhagen early next month. That's about 12.5 percent below 2008 levels, according to the Department of Energy. He also set a goal of cutting emissions by 83 percent by 2050, which is what European nations want.

So the question is how big a burden would those double-digit cuts be for the average American.

Experts say it will mean higher energy bills, fewer deaths from air pollution, and maybe even a dividend check at the end of the year. But mostly, they say, it'll be small, slowly evolving changes that the public won't even notice.

Princeton University geosciences and international affairs professor Michael Oppenheimer compares what would happen under Obama's 2020 target to what has happened the past 30 years to refrigerators. Without consumers noticing much, they have become three times more energy efficient. You only notice when you buy one, because they cost more, or if you look at reduced energy usage on your electric bill, Oppenheimer said.

But what would the overall cost of the big cuts in emissions actually be?

White House climate czar Carol Browner cites a $173 a year cost for a family of four that was calculated by the Congressional Budget Office for the House climate bill, which has the same roughly 17 percent target. That summer CBO study said the poorest households would save $40 a year, while those in the highest income ranges would face a jump of $245 a year.

Man who died in Utah mishap was experienced caver

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—A medical student who died Thursday after a day-long effort to rescue him 150 feet underground was an outdoors lover and experienced caver who was expecting the birth of his second child next year, officials and family members said.

John Jones, 26, of Stansbury Park, died nearly 28 hours after he got stuck upside-down in Nutty Putty Cave, a popular spelunking site south of Salt Lake City. It was the first known fatality since cavers began exploring the 1,500-foot cave's narrow passageways in the 1960s, cave access manager Michael Leavitt said.

On Wednesday, rescue teams used drilling equipment, rope and a pulley system to try to free Jones, to no avail. On Thursday, rescuers suspended efforts to recover his body as they considered the options to do so, Utah County sheriff's office Sgt. Spencer Cannon said.

The 6-foot-tall, 190-pound Jones got stuck with his head at an angle below his feet about 9 p.m. Tuesday in an L-shaped area of the cave known as "Bob's Push." The area is only about 18 inches wide and 10 inches high.

Exploring Nutty Putty, which is privately owned by Utah's State Institutional Trust Land Administration, requires reservations, an access pass and, for safety reasons, either caving experience or an experienced guide. The Jones group of 11 explorers, including some of his four brothers, met all three of those criteria, Leavitt said.

"They've never been to Nutty Putty before, but they toured many harder caves in the Logan area that required vertical climbing skills," said Leavitt, one of dozens of cavers who volunteered with the rescue effort. "They were qualified, John was qualified. I'm sure he went into this passage hoping it was going to open up into one of the larger rooms."

ACROSS THE NATION

Turkey fryer catches fire, burning Ohio house

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—Authorities in Ohio say a turkey fryer caused a house to catch fire as the homeowner was preparing a Thanksgiving meal. Columbus firefighters say no one was injured in the fire Thursday. They contained it to the back of the two-story house. The turkey fryer was set up outside near the back door. Capt. Mike Zuber said a propane tank had a worn hose that caused a gas leak, sparking the blaze. The fire spread to a nearby wood pile and a pickup truck.

Nev. teen accused in son's murder going to trial

HENDERSON, Nev. (AP)—A judge in Nevada has ruled that the case of a Las Vegas-area teen accused of smothering her newborn son can go to trial. Justice Court Chief Judge Rodney Burr ruled Tuesday there was enough evidence against 19-year-old Carmela Camero for a trial to proceed on the murder charge. The Henderson teen told police that she gave birth in a bathtub in her home on Aug. 23. She said the baby started coughing later that day and she became worried her mother would find out about the infant. Camero is accused of pressing the baby's face against her breast and holding him there until he stopped breathing.

Mass. cops: Dad doing errand locked kids in trunk

FALL RIVER, Mass. (AP)—Massachusetts police say a man locked his two young sons in the trunk of his car while he ran an errand. Fall River police say Michael Monahan put his kids, ages 3 and 6, in the trunk of his Pontiac Trans Am for several minutes Tuesday morning while he went inside a sailing shop. According to court records, Monahan told investigators the boys like to play in the trunk. The 35-year-old Monahan pleaded not guilty Wednesday to assault and reckless endangerment of a child. He was released on cash bail. A broadcast from WPRI-TV showed Monahan's attorney telling a judge that his client loves his children. The children are in the custody of their mother.

Asia

China vows to dramatically slow emissions growth

BEIJING (AP)—China promised Thursday to slow its carbon emissions, saying it would nearly halve the ratio of pollution to GDP over the next decade—a major move by the world's largest emitter, whose cooperation is crucial to any deal as a global climate summit approaches.

Beijing's voluntary pledge comes a day after President Barack Obama promised the U.S. would lay out plans at the summit to substantially cut its own greenhouse gas emissions. Together, the announcements are building momentum for next month's meeting in Copenhagen.

But environmental experts warned that China's plan does not commit it to reducing emissions—and that they will in fact continue to increase, though at a slower rate.

With the United States now offering specifics—reducing carbon dioxide emissions by about 17 percent from 2005 levels by 2020—China seemed to follow its lead.

China pledged Thursday to cut "carbon intensity," a measure of carbon dioxide emissions per unit of gross domestic product, by 40 to 45 percent by 2020, compared with levels in 2005. Beijing also said Premier Wen Jiabao will take part in the Copenhagen meeting.

"There's no question their carbon emissions would continue to grow under this scenario," said Charlie McElwee, an international environmental and energy lawyer based in Shanghai. "This isn't by any means an agreement by China to either cap, much less reduce, the amount of its carbon emissions. It's only slowing down the rate at which emissions are growing."

If China did nothing and its economy doubles in size as expected in coming years, its emissions would likely double as well. Thursday's pledge means emissions would only increase by 50 percent in such a scenario.

Soldiers in Afghanistan enjoy turkeys they raised

BARAKI-BARAK, Afghanistan (AP)—As daylight faded and the winter cold set in, soldiers huddled inside a crude wooden hut to tuck into Thanksgiving turkeys the unit itself had fattened and to give thanks for having survived a year of combat in Afghanistan.

"They become your family and being able to eat together like this, to break bread together is a highlight," said 1st Sgt. Gonzalo Lassally of soldiers from Able Troop, 3-71 Cavalry Squadron sitting down to the traditional turkey plus ham basted in brown sugar and honey, five varieties of pies and nonalcoholic beer. A stack of local flatbread added an Afghan touch.

A much-scaled down version of the feast was helicoptered to a handful of soldiers in an observation post perched on a 6,900-foot (2,100-meter) spur.

"We're thankful for all still being here. We've been lucky, on the lower spectrum when it comes to casualties," said Lassally, a father of three from Deltona, Florida, who has spent four Thanksgivings, three Christmases and "quite a few birthdays" away from home.

The American holiday began with a 25-man patrol and ended with another unit heading out for night surveillance of several villages in this remote district of strategic Logar province, located just south of Kabul.

"Just another day, another mission," several soldiers said as the first patrol prepared for a 6-mile (10-kilometer) slog to aid village schools without windows, desks and other basic necessities.

SKorea confirms some 5,000 wartime executions

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korean soldiers and police executed nearly 5,000 citizens during the early months of the 1950-53 Korean War, fearing they could collaborate with invading North Korean troops, a government commission said Thursday.

The victims were members of the National Guidance League, or "Bodo" League, that the then-staunchly anti-communist government created to "re-educate" recanting leftists and others suspected of communist leanings.

Historians say officials met membership quotas by pressuring peasants into signing up with promises of rice rations or other benefits, with more than 300,000 people on the league's rolls.

The Associated Press reported on such civilian massacres in a series of stories last year, but the commission's findings mark the first specific number of confirmed deaths

On Thursday, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission said it has confirmed that South Korean troops and police rounded up and executed at least 4,934 league members between June and September of 1950, as North Korean invaders pushed down the peninsula.

"The government of then-President Syngman Rhee was in a state of panic at the start of the war and deeply worried that Bodo League members could sympathize with North Korea and become a threat to the government," the commission said in a statement.

Since 2005, the commission has investigated civilian executions and other past human rights violations.

ASIAN BRIEFS

China executes 2 for child abductions

BEIJING (AP)—China has executed two men for abducting and selling 15 children, many of whom were taken as babies or toddlers and have not yet been reunited with their parents, state media said Friday. The official Xinhua News Agency said Hu Minghua, 55, and Su Binde, 27, were executed Thursday morning, according to a statement from the Supreme People's Court. Hu was convicted of kidnapping and selling nine children from April 1999 to Oct. 2005. He was detained in January 2006. Five of the children, all boys now aged from 3 to 6, have been returned to their families, while the parents of the remaining ones have not been found. Su was convicted of abducting six children between Sept. 2005 to July 2006. Five of the children were rescued by police while a sixth remains missing.

Mumbai commemorates anniversary of attacks

MUMBAI, India (AP)—A grandfather visited the room where his grandson was orphaned. A young man returned to the hotel where he narrowly escaped death. Mumbai residents went in droves to donate blood at a train station overrun in the 60-hour siege of India's financial capital. One year after the attacks that killed 166 people, thousands gathered in the streets, many holding candles, and black-clad commandoes rappelled down a building in a spectacle meant to reassure the city that it is well-defended. But beneath the pomp and sorrow, little has changed. Luck, better intelligence operations and, to some extent, international diplomacy have kept Mumbai safe this last year, rather than any real improvement in the city's security forces, analysts and diplomats say.

Contractor's helicopter missing in Afghanistan

KABUL (AP)—A helicopter chartered by an international military contractor has disappeared in Afghanistan, officials said Thursday. Supreme Global Service Solutions said in a statement Thursday evening that the helicopter had been contracted "to fly a cargo mission" in support of NATO and had gone missing in a mountainous region of Afghanistan on Monday. NATO forces were searching for the chopper, said Lt. Col. Todd Vician, a NATO spokesman in Kabul. Earlier reports had said the chopper had been missing since late Tuesday. Supreme provides food and logistics services to military bases across Afghanistan.

World

Iran seizes rights lawyer's Nobel Peace medal

AP

In this Thursday July 9, 2009 file photo, Iranian Nobel Peace laureate Shirin Ebadi, center, gestures with youths wearing T-shirts with "Peace" written on the front, as she visits the Scampia district, in Secondigliano on the outskirts of Naples, southern Italy.

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Iranian authorities have confiscated Nobel Peace laureate Shirin Ebadi's medal, the human rights lawyer said Thursday, in a sign of the increasingly drastic steps Tehran is taking against any dissent.

In Norway, where the peace prize is awarded, the government said the confiscation of the gold medal was a shocking first in the history of the 108-year-old prize.

Ebadi won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2003 for her efforts in promoting democracy. She has long faced harassment from Iranian authorities for her activities—including threats against her relatives and a raid on her office last year in which files were confiscated.

The seizure of her prize is an expression of the Iranian government's harsh approach to anyone it considers an opponent—particularly since the massive street protests triggered by hard-line President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's disputed June 12 re-election.

Acting on orders from Tehran's Revolutionary Court, authorities took the peace prize medal about three weeks ago from a safe-deposit box in Iran, Ebadi said in a phone interview from London. They also seized her Legion of Honor and a ring awarded to her by a German association of journalists, she said.

Authorities froze the bank accounts of her and her husband and demanded $410,000 in taxes that they claimed were owed on the $1.3 million she was awarded. Ebadi said, however, that such prizes are exempt from tax under Iranian law. She said the government also appears intent on trying to confiscate her home.

IAEA chief: Iran investigation at 'dead end'

VIENNA (AP)—The outgoing head of the International Atomic Energy Agency said Thursday his probe of Iran's nuclear program is at "a dead end" and that trust in Tehran's credibility is shrinking after its belated revelation that it was secretly building a nuclear facility.

Mohamed ElBaradei's blunt criticism of the Islamic Republic—four days before he leaves office—was notable in representing a broad convergence with Washington's opinion, which for years was critical of the IAEA chief for what it perceived as his softness on Iran.

Iran also came in for censure from another quarter at the opening session of the IAEA's 35-nation board, with the introduction of a resolution taking Tehran to task on a broad range of issues linked to international concerns that it may be seeking to make nuclear weapons. Significantly, diplomats at the meeting said the resolution was endorsed not only by Western powers—the U.S., Britain, France and Germany—but also by Russia and China.

For strategic and economic reasons, Moscow and Beijing have sided with Tehran in the past. They have prevented several Western attempts to slap new U.N. sanctions on Iran for its nuclear defiance or succeeded in watering down their severity.

They did not formally endorse the last IAEA resolution critical of Iran in 2006. Their backing for the document at the Vienna meeting Thursday thus reflected broad international disenchantment with Tehran.

WORLD BRIEFS

Iraqi PM: Election dispute poses risks to security

BAGHDAD (AP)—Iraq's prime minister on Thursday vowed there will be no delay in the withdrawal of U.S. troops despite an Iraqi political dispute that is expected to force a January vote to be postponed. In an interview with The Associated Press, however, Nouri al-Maliki warned that the dispute threatens national security and he harshly criticized Tariq al-Hashemi, a Sunni Arab vice president who vetoed a key election law. "The use of the veto by Mr. al-Hashemi, and persisting with it, will put the country, in terms of security, the economy and the constitution, at grave risk," said al-Maliki, a Shiite.

Cuba military exercise guards against US invasion

HAVANA (AP)—Cuba's armed forces launched three days of intense military exercises across the island Thursday, a mobilization that state-controlled media says is designed to guard against an American invasion. Americans focused on a U.S. military assault more likely are thinking about how President Barack Obama will pursue war in Afghanistan—not Cuba. But the siege mentality of the Cold War hasn't faded on the island, where the communist government continues to warn about imperialist aggression and the menace from the north. The exercises, which run through Saturday, are the first since President Raul Castro took over from his brother Fidel in February 2008—and since relations between Havana and Washington began to thaw somewhat under Obama.

Experts: Bishops covered up priests' child abuse

DUBLIN (AP)—Roman Catholic Church leaders in Dublin spent decades sheltering child-abusing priests from the law and most fellow clerics turned a blind eye, an investigation ordered by Ireland's government concluded Thursday. Dublin Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, who handed over more than 60,000 previously secret church files to the three-year investigation, said he felt deep shame and sorrow for how previous archbishops presided over endemic child abuse—yet claimed afterward not to understand the gravity of their sins. Martin said his four predecessors in Ireland's capital, including retired Cardinal Desmond Connell, must have understood that priests' molestation and rape of boys and girls "was a crime in both civil and canon law. For some reason or another they felt they could deal with all this in little worlds of their own.

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Filipino who lost wife in massacre files candidacy

By JIM GOMEZ
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AMPATUAN, Philippines (AP)—A politician whose wife and relatives were among 57 people massacred in the southern Philippines in an apparent bid to stop him from running for governor filed his candidacy Friday for the election.

"Only death can stop me from running," said Ismael Mangudadatu, escorted by soldiers, a police commander and a senior army general. He submitted his documents to the Elections Commission in the Maguindanao provincial capital of Sharrif Aguak.

His caravan of more than 50 vehicles took the same road where his wife, two sisters, supporters and journalists were stopped and killed Monday and their bodies dumped in mass graves.

Along a highway, groups of people waved at the cars and raised their thumbs and clenched their fists in approval. But inside Shariff Aguak, the stronghold of the rival Ampatuan clan, the mood was different. There were no enthusiastic crowds with only a few pedestrians.

The main suspect in the slayings, Andal Ampatuan Jr., a scion of the clan that has ruled Maguindanao unopposed for years, turned himself in Thursday under threat of military attack against his family's compound. He is expected to be charged in the slayings later Friday. He maintained his innocent.

"This symbolizes our freedom. I hope this will be the start of our liberation," said Mangudadatu, wearing a red striped T-shirt and denim jeans. He proudly held up his certificate of candidacy in front of reporters and followers.

About 100 supporters applauded and cheered him outside the elections office, shouting "Allahu Akbar!" or God is great.

Mangudadatu, vice mayor of Buluan township, did the unthinkable when he decided to run in May 2010 elections. Having received death threats, he sent his wife, sisters and other female relatives Monday to submit his papers, hoping that women would be spared the kind of violence that regularly reigns in the region.

Asked by reporters if he was involved in the killings, Ampatuan said, "There is no truth to that. The reason I came out is to prove that I am not hiding and that I am not guilty."

Later, after he was brought to Manila, he said a commander of a large Muslim separatist group was behind the massacre. Eid Kabalu, spokesman for the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, which is engaged in peace talks with the government, said the guerrillas had nothing to do with the killings.

Justice Secretary Agnes Devanadera also said there is no evidence of rebel involvement.

Ampatuan gave himself up to presidential adviser Jesus Dureza in Shariff Aguak, following days of negotiations and hours after troops and police sent in tanks, trucks and armored carriers around administrative buildings. Interior Secretary Ronaldo Puno had threatened to attack the family compound unless they turned over Ampatuan by midday Thursday.

At an airport building where he was initially questioned, Ampatuan was confronted by an enraged Mangudadatu. Relatives and officials had to step in to restrain them.

"When I saw him, I wanted to chew him up, spit him out and stomp on him," Mangudadatu told reporters later.

AP

Gubernatorial candidate and Vice Mayor Ismael Mangudadatu shows his certificate of candidacy for governor as he files it at the Commission on Elections office in the Maguindanao provincial capital of Shariff Aguak, southern Philippines on Friday, Nov. 27, 2009.

Chief State Prosecutor Jovencito Zuno said he expects Ampatuan, who was brought to Manila, to be charged with multiple counts of murder later Friday in southern Cotabato city, which is closest to the massacre site. The trial will take place in Manila for security reasons.

The Ampatuan clan helped President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo and her allies win the 2004 presidential and 2007 senatorial elections by delivering crucial votes.

After the massacre, Arroyo's ruling party expelled Ampatuan, his father and a brother.

Apart from Ampatuan, national police director Jesus Verzosa said six senior officers, including the provincial police chief and his deputy, 20 members of Ampatuan township's police station and nearly 400 militiamen were in custody, but not all were considered suspects.

The area around the provincial capital was tense and a highway dotted with military checkpoints was deserted after troops disarmed nearly 400 pro-government militiamen loyal to the Ampatuans. Such militias are meant to act as an auxiliary force to the military and police in fighting rebels and criminals but often serve as politicians' private armies.

Those police officers "forgot that they should defend the Republic of the Philippines, not their Godfather," Puno said.

Puno said there were witnesses to the massacre but refused to provide details. Mangudadatu said earlier four witnesses under his protection told him they saw Ampatuan flagging down the caravan. The four were able to turn back unnoticed, Mangudadatu told The Associated Press.

Mangudadatu said one witness "saw the gunmen stop the convoy and saw Andal Ampatuan slap my wife."

Not all the 57 victims were part of the convoy. Police officer Felicisimo Khu, who was supervising the retrieval of bodies on a grassy hilltop in Ampatuan township, said the gunmen intercepted two other vehicles with six people who happened to be traveling at the same time—and killed and buried them too.

Arroyo vowed justice for the victims.

But with only seven months left in office before she steps down after nine years, few think she will be able to restore the rule of law in the chronically restive region that has been outside the central government's reach for generations. Maguindanao's acting governor is Sajid Ampatuan, another son of former Gov. Andal Ampatuan Sr., the clan's patriarch.

At least 22 journalists working for newspapers and TV and radio stations in the southern Mindanao Island region were among the dead—the most reporters killed in a single attack anywhere in the world, according to media groups.

The most senior reporter in the group was Alejandro "Bong" Reblando, 53, a former Associated Press stringer.

Ampatuan Jr. being held by NBI

'Not guilty,' says main suspect in massacre

GENERAL SANTOS CITY (Philippine Daily Inquirer)—Andal Ampatuan Jr. was in denial and even tried to hide his face behind a scarf under a barrage of questions from reporters asking if he masterminded Monday's massacre of 57 people.

"There is no truth to that," said Ampatuan, mayor of Datu Unsay town in Maguindanao, ruled by his family that is a close ally of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. "The reason I came out is to prove that I am not hiding and that I am not guilty."

Ampatuan was placed in government custody after his brother, Gov. Zaldy Ampatuan of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, turned him over to Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process Jesus Dureza Thursday morning.

But as Mayor Ampatuan stepped out of the helicopter that transported him from Shariff Aguak town to the airport here, the scarf was gone. He was sporting a red and blue putong, a headband usually used by Moro warriors.

Justice Secretary Agnes Devanadera waited two hours for the arrival of Ampatuan, accompanied by Dureza. The mayor was then led to the airport's VIP lounge for a summary inquest at mid-afternoon after his lawyer, Seigfred Fortun, arrived.

Esmael Mangudadatu, the vice mayor of Buluan town whose wife, two sisters and two lawyers were among the 57 killed while en route to file his certificate of candidacy for governor of Maguindanao in the May elections, was visibly enraged.

He tried to raise his fist toward Ampatuan, who was just a meter away, sitting. But agents of the National Bureau of Investigation intervened.

Mangudadatu later told reporters he was enraged but that he had to contain his anger. "I don't know what I could do, but truth will come out. Whatever the court decides, should be accepted," he said in Filipino.

'We want justice'

His brother, Buluan Mayor Ebrahim Mangudadatu, said: "We want justice. We leave this to the law ... We are educated. We do not kill people," Ebrahim said.

During the brief inquest at the airport, state prosecutors heard preliminary evidence given by police, victims' relatives and Mayor Ampatuan himself.

Devanadera told reporters after the hearing that prosecutors would evaluate the evidence and decide by the weekend whether criminal charges would be brought against Ampatuan.

"Wait until we come out with our resolution in 36 hours," Devanadera said, when asked if charges would be laid.

At the hearing, victims' relatives asked prosecutors to charge Ampatuan with multiple murder.

At 3:50 p.m., Ampatuan was flown to Manila, where he arrived three hours later. He was then whisked off to the NBI office in Manila under tight security.

Dureza told the Philippine Daily Inquirer that Ampatuan would be held at the NBI jail "for as long as needed" based on the agreement between the complainants and the accused.

Devanadara said Thursday night in Manila that prosecutors were working overnight on a charge sheet for multiple murder to be filed Friday in the Cotabato City Regional Trial Court.

Allah will take care of them

But Ebrahim Mangudadatu told the Inquirer his family was not yet satisfied because the other assailants were at large.

"The massacre was planned. All those involved should be held to account," he said.

The vice mayor also asked journalists to closely watch the progress of the case to avoid a whitewash.

"Let our family make the sacrifice. Allah will take care of them," he said. "The blood that many of your colleagues shed should not go to waste."

Mayor Ampatuan is the son of the Maguindanao governor, a Muslim clan chief of the same name who during his rule gave Ms Arroyo and her allies victories in the presidential election of 2004 and the senatorial contest in 2007.

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The elder Ampatuan had been grooming his namesake son to take over as governor of Maguindanao. The victims' relatives alleged the Ampatuans organized the murders so that Mangudadatu would not run for that post.

The attackers herded the victims to a remote hillside and attacked them with M-16 rifles and machetes.

27 journalists slain

The 57 dead included 27 journalists and up to 15 motorists who, like the reporters, had no known quarrels with the Ampatuans, said Lt. Col. Jonathan Ponce, a military spokesperson.

The 15 motorists unrelated to the Mangudadatus were aboard at least two vehicles that happened to drive past as the convoy was stopped by the gunmen, Ponce added.

Police continued the search around the sites of the mass graves Thursday, but no more bodies were found, Ponce said.

Police and troops deployed in Maguindanao have disarmed 347 members of the Special Active Auxiliary of the Civilian Armed Forces Geographical Unit employed by the provincial government.

"All security people are also possible suspects," said Director Andres Caro of the Philippine National Police. "We are investigating them. More or less it will total about 400, including cops and families."

Provincial officials are suspects

Four senior policemen from Maguindanao had also been brought to Manila for questioning about their roles in the massacre, and all policemen from Ampatuan town were being considered suspects, according to Interior Secretary Ronaldo Puno.

He said he had also recommended to Ms Arroyo that all provincial officials be suspended and that Ampatuan Sr. be investigated for his potential links to the murders.

Puno said authorities had not been able to act as quickly as many wanted because local police and soldiers were suspected of being loyal to the Ampatuans.

"It was very difficult for us to rely on the local military and police forces to carry out the directives of the central headquarters on both the armed forces and police side," he said.

Puno said he had warned the family they risked a military attack unless they turned over Ampatuan by midday Thursday.

As the helicopter carrying Ampatuan took off from Shariff Aguak, shots rang out but the aircraft was not hit, said Lt. Gen. Raymundo Ferrer, chief of the Eastern Mindanao Command. It wasn't clear who fired the shots.

Maguindanao tense

Ferrer said the area around the Maguindanao capital was tense after troops disarmed the militiamen loyal to the Ampatuans. Such militias are meant to act as an auxiliary force to the military and police in fighting rebels and criminals but often serve as politicians' private armies.

The military deployed tanks and truckloads of troops throughout the province under a state of emergency to hunt down the attackers and prevent retaliatory violence from the victims' clan.

And despite more than 1,000 extra soldiers being sent into Maguindanao to restore order, the military said most of the Ampatuan family's militiamen alleged to have carried out the massacre were still on the run.

"Most of the armed group that perpetrated this crime have run away towards the mountainous area of Maguindanao," said Lt. Col. Romeo Brawner Jr., spokesperson of the Armed Forces of the Philippines. "That is where we are conducting our pursuit operations."

Palace welcomes surrender

Malacañang on Thursday welcomed the surrender of Ampatuan. "The taking in, inquest and the subsequent filing of charges against Datu Unsay [Mayor] Ampatuan is just the beginning," Press Secretary Cerge Remonde said. "President Arroyo wants all the culprits punished without fear or favor."

Caro said that investigators were not ruling out the involvement of Ampatuan Sr. and Zaldy Ampatuan in the massacre.

"We are also looking into that," Caro said.

Caro explained the situation on the ground was complex because of several factors.

"This is an autonomous regional government area. There is actual real immediate threat from MILF (Moro Islamic Liberation Front) groups. There are infamous reports of warlordism culture and we have to admit the fact that some of our local security forces are in some way were or are under influence of political leaders," he said.

"We cannot trust the local forces so we have to inject troops from the outside." ***Reports from TJ Burgonio, Jocelyn R. Uy, Jeannette I. Andrade, Dona Z. Pazzibugan, Leila B. Salaverria, Volt Contreras, Aquiles Z. Zonio, Rosa May V. de Guzman, Dennis Jay Santos, Charlie Señase and Julie S. Alipala, AP, AFP and Reuters***

Andal Jr. known as 'hatchet man'

MANILA, Philippines—Feared and loathed by his enemies, Andal Ampatuan Jr. is known as the "hatchet man" of a powerful Muslim clan in Mindanao whose family history is written in blood.

A chubby, stone-faced man in his 40s with a penchant for expensive guns, he is the son and namesake of the clan patriarch who has ruled as governor of Maguindanao province for most of this decade.

Ampatuan Jr. denies any role in this week's massacre of 57 people in Maguindanao who were allegedly targeted to end a political challenge from a rival clan.

But Ampatuan Jr. and his father have long had reputations for using fear and violence to stifle opponents and expand their power, according to the country's top human rights officials and others who have knowledge about the family.

"The Maguindanao political warlords are really the ones giving crucial or swing votes to administration candidates," Leila de Lima, chair of the Commission on Human Rights, told Agence France-Presse.

She said the Ampatuan family "act like Gods" in Maguindanao.

De Lima is a former election lawyer who once represented an official who lost to an Ampatuan family member in the 2007 congressional vote allegedly through fraud.

'Absurd,' says MILF on Ampatuan claim

By CHARLIE SEÑASE
INQUIRER MINDANAO

COTABATO CITY—The Moro Islamic Liberation Front branded as "absurd" claims by the prime suspect in the massacre in Maguindanao province that the Muslim rebel group was behind the killings.

"This is absurd, even a small kid would not believe it," said MILF vice chairman for political affairs Ghadzali Jaafar.

He was reacting to Datu Unsay mayor Andal Ampatuan Jr.'s allegation that MILF commander Ameril Ombra Kato was behind the deaths of at least 57 people last November 23.

Ampatuan surrendered to authorities on Thursday and was charged with multiple murder.

Buluan mayor Esmael Mangudadatu, political rival of the Ampatuans and whose wife, two sisters, and two, lawyers, among others, were killed, dismissed Ampatuan's claim, saying witnesses had pointed to the local official as the mastermind.

'I am loved'

In a previous interview with Reuters news agency, Ampatuan Sr. said the reason he was able to stay long in power in Maguindanao was "because of popular support."

"Because I am so loved by the constituencies of the municipalities, they ask me to have my sons as representatives," Ampatuan Sr. said in that interview, referring to his sons who have also been elected into office.

De Lima said the local population was fearful of the Ampatuans, noting that there had been similar, but smaller-scale killings, to Monday's massacre in Maguindanao in recent years that had been linked to the family.

No one dares

Reporters in the region also said many people lived in fear of the clan.

"No one here dares to go against the Ampatuans," one local journalist said, speaking on condition of anonymity for fear of his own life.

"It is public knowledge that he (Ampatuan Jr.) is the 'hatchet man' for the family," the reporter, who has covered the clan's rise to power, claimed.

The Ampatuans belong to an old warrior lineage in Maguindanao.

Many Ampatuan clan members fought military repression during the martial law rule of Ferdinand Marcos, according to Julkipli Wadi, an Islamic studies scholar at the University of the Philippines.

Consolidating power

Their rise to political prominence, however, came when Ampatuan Sr. was named officer in charge of the province after Marcos fell in 1986, Wadi said.

He eventually was elected governor of the province in 2001, consolidating his grip on power by stockpiling arms and co-opting government militiamen deputized to fight against insurgent groups, Wadi said.

"The Ampatuans are the political warlords in the area. Any attempt at politics by a rival family they consider as threat to their rule is violently cut short," Wadi said.

"They shared power among themselves, ruling with an iron fist in Maguindanao backed up by their huge armory."

End in sight

For administration presidential candidate Gilberto Teodoro Jr., an "ending" may be in sight for the political dominance of the Ampatuan clan in Maguindanao.

"They blew their chance to lead the ARMM (Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao)," said the standard-bearer of the ruling Lakas-Kampi-CMD coalition.

"What kind of an ending is this?" Teodoro asked rhetorically, referring to the massacre which he described as something "beyond hate crime, but an act of lunacy."

New blood

The executive committee of Lakas-Kampi-CMD voted unanimously on Wednesday to expel the Ampatuans for "their failure to uphold party ideals and principles in their area of jurisdiction, specifically relating to the peaceful, legal and democratic pursuit and exercise of political power."

"For the time being politically, nobody will touch them," Teodoro told reporters in General Santos City.

Teodoro made the remark when asked to assess what the future holds for the Ampatuans in the political arena.

He said expelling the Ampatuans "will not hurt" the ruling party and could even present an "opportunity for Lakas to get new blood."

Security concerns

Teodoro flew from Manila to General Santos City supposedly to meet witnesses to the crime and escort them to the capital. But the plan was aborted at the last minute due to security concerns, he said.

Teodoro said that "realistically speaking," a full-blown trial that could arise from the massacre may not be over before President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo steps down next June.

But he said what was important was for the prosecution to immediately start lest "the witnesses lose courage." ***Reports from Agence France-Presse and Volt Contreras***

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Mayor Andal Ampatuan Jr., right, of Unsay township, Maguindanao province in southern Philippines, talks to his lawyer inside the National Bureau of Investigation detention center upon arrival in Manila from General Santos city following his surrender to authorities Thursday Nov. 26, 2009.

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SECOND NOTICE

UMBRELLA PERMITS
REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF OVERSTAYERS STATUS
NOVEMBER 26-27, 2009

Pursuant to the Attorney General's authority under Article III, Section 11 of the NMI Constitution, and 1 CMC SS 2151 *et seq.,* the Attorney General hereby grants conditional umbrella permits to each of the below –listed individuals.

The Attorney General also incorporates by reference Segment II of the Department of Labor Notice published on November 23, 2009. Scheduled dates and times for appointment with AGIU will be published at a later date.

Since individuals are classified as "overstayers" certain conditions apply. Should an individual not comply with each and every condition listed below, this conditional umbrella permit shall be null and void.

Each conditional umbrella permit is subject to renewal. **Renewals will be reviewed by members of the Attorney General's Investigative Unit (AGIU).** Renewal of each conditional umbrella permit depends on compliance with the following:

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Number of Years Overstayed	Payment Schedule
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5-10 Years	$750
10-15 Years	$1,125
Over 15 Years	$1,500

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5. Proof of any pending claims that may justify the overstaying period(s)

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Sang ayon sa kapangyarihan ng Attorney General sa ilalim ng Artikulo III, Seksyon 11 ng Ko stitusyon ng NMI, at 1 CMC SS 2151 *et seq.,* at sa pamamagitan nito, ang Attorney General nagbibigay ng kondisyonal na umbrella permits sa mga indibidwal na nasa listahan.

Isinasama din ng Attorney General bilang reperensya ang Segment II ng paunawang i nalathala ng Department of Labor noong Nobyembre 23, 2009. Ang skedyul na araw at or ng appointment sa AGIU ay ipalalathala sa susunod na mga araw.

Dahil ang mga indibidwal ay naklasipikang "overstayers" may mga kondisyong susundin. Ku ang indibidwal ay hindi susunod sa lahat ng kondisyong nakalista, ang kondisyonal na umbre permit na ito ay mawawalan ng bisa.

Ang bawat kondisyonal na umbrella permit ay dapat sumailalim sa renewal. **Ang renewal susuriin ng mga miyembro ng Attorney General's Investigative Unit (AGIU).** Ang renewal bawat kondisyonal na umbrella permit ay magde-depende sa pagtalima sa mga sumusunod:

1. Pagbayad sa Permit Fee. Depende sa tagal ng pagkawala ng status (yun ay ang "overst er"), ang permit fee ay dapat bayaran sang ayon sa nakasaad na talaan. Ang mga nakaraang perm fee ay dapat mabayaran ng buo ng overstayer sa araw ng appointment nya sa Attorney Genera Investigation Unit. Ang pagbabayad ay dapat gawin sa Department of Finance at ipakita ang res sa imbestigador na susuri sa araw ng iyong appointment;

Bilang ng Taon na nag Overstay	Bayad
0-5 Taon	$375
5-10 Taon	$750
10-15 Taon	$1,125
Over 15 Taon	$1,500

CONDITIONAL UMBRELLA P

AGIU No.	Name	LIIDS No.	Date of Appointment
1	Abalos Virginia S.	118239	January 11, 2010
2	Abaya Rudy R.		January 11, 2010
3	Abelar Diolito A.		January 11, 2010
4	Abella Rodolfo M.	145111	January 11, 2010
5	Ablog Ronidel R.	152117	January 11, 2010
6	Abogado Leopoldo D.	118966	January 11, 2010
7	Abuan Jesibel A.	292411	January 11, 2010
8	Abuel Lourdes Q.	125740	January 11, 2010
9	Adelan Rosendo B.	151286	January 11, 2010
10	Aggari Violeta C.	127248	January 11, 2010
11	Alam Rafiqul	133673	January 12, 2010
12	Alano WebbDunn		January 12, 2010
13	Albelar Nelson M.	155167	January 12, 2010
14	Alejandro Ricardo M.	106556	January 12, 2010
15	Alidon Maria Luisa J.	143014	January 12, 2010
16	Alvero Ramon V.	107346	January 12, 2010
17	Ambas Jennifer	311619	January 12, 2010
18	An Xian Lan	285632	January 12, 2010
19	Anadace Joby A.	108674	January 12, 2010
20	Angeles Maria Venus M.	129412	January 12, 2010
21	Angeles Angelito M.	108709	January 13, 2010
22	Antigua Eddie D.	299896	January 13, 2010
23	Aquino Benjamin L.	113866	January 13, 2010
24	Arangorin Andronico P.	110261	January 13, 2010
25	Arcangeles Erma V.	125677	January 13, 2010
26	Arpilleda Wenipreda L.	173838	January 13, 2010
27	Asia Angelita M.	116893	January 13, 2010
28	Asuncion Richard C.		January 13, 2010
29	Awa aw Jawin	302753	January 13, 2010
30	Awid Juantio D.	122996	January 13, 2010
31	Bade Gloria B.	155808	January 14, 2010
32	Bai Bing Bing	198208	January 14, 2010
33	Bai Fengzhi		January 14, 2010
34	Balingasa Edmundo C.	297527	January 14, 2010
35	Bandoja Norieta D.	134401	January 14, 2010
36	Bao Jian Jun	190426	January 14, 2010
37	Baroi Montu	173386	January 14, 2010
38	Basilla Ricardo T.	121322	January 14, 2010
39	Bautista Nida L.	126753	January 14, 2010
40	Bayumbon Rodrigo R.	111874	January 14, 2010
41	Belgica Edilberto O.	182066	January 15, 2010
42	Belgica Edwin O.	287905	January 15, 2010
43	Beri Walden Q.	139570	January 15, 2010
44	Billedo Aurelio		January 15, 2010
45	Bu Jun		January 15, 2010
46	Buenaflor Anthony M.	147580	January 15, 2010
47	Buenviaje Carmen B.	163276	January 15, 2010
48	Bunoan Michelle A.	312941	January 15, 2010
49	Burdeos Beverly G.	146345	January 15, 2010
50	Butic Teresita M.	137565	January 15, 2010
51	Caalim Emiliano M.	159880	January 19, 2010
52	Cabrera Gabby S.	256513	January 19, 2010
53	Cabuag Rogelio Q.	166222	January 19, 2010
54	Caceres Juan C.	146942	January 19, 2010
55	Cacho Artemio M.	120171	January 19, 2010
56	Cai Lian Ying	149025	January 19, 2010
57	Cai Ping	200641	January 19, 2010
58	Cai Hu	282033	January 19, 2010
59	Cairel Imelda B.	202066	January 19, 2010
60	Calimlim Delia N.		January 19, 2010
61	Cambronero Honorio C.	161800	January 20, 2010
62	Camo Victoria S.	162037	January 20, 2010
63	Cao Mingyan	122908	January 20, 2010
64	Cao Yuyi	172661	January 20, 2010
65	Cao Ye Ping	143095	January 20, 2010
66	Cao Tingwei	297759	January 20, 2010
67	Cao Meijie		January 20, 2010
68	Cao Aiping	171081	January 20, 2010
69	Cao Huijian		January 20, 2010
70	Capayas Daniel S.	123579	January 20, 2010
71	Capili Roderick R.	153064	January 21, 2010
72	Casinero Marieta RaMonths	147733	January 21, 2010
73	Castro Regie	291340	January 21, 2010
74	Celeste Alicia D.	125546	January 21, 2010
75	Ceres Serafin T	S44686	January 21, 2010
76	Cervantes Meyther U.	187698	January 21, 2010
77	Chen Huawang	295706	January 21, 2010
78	Chen Weizhu	144092	January 21, 2010
79	Chen Tianjin	140378	January 21, 2010
80	Chen WenSheng	160221	January 21, 2010
81	Chen Jun	187516	January 22, 2010
82	Chen Yong	189091	January 22, 2010
83	Chen Yanhuang	283836	January 22, 2010
84	Chen Qizghong	286645	January 22, 2010
85	Chen Ge	287572	January 22, 2010
86	Chen Zhangzhen	290663	January 22, 2010
87	Chen Meier	293226	January 22, 2010
88	Chen Botan		January 22, 2010
89	Chen Zhenai	289525	January 22, 2010
90	Chen Suli	326085	January 22, 2010
91	Chen Yanxiao	352495	January 25, 2010
92	Chen Yongqiang		January 25, 2010
93	Chen Yanxia		January 25, 2010
94	Chen Guoqi	352438	January 25, 2010
95	Chen Xirong	363770	January 25, 2010
96	Chen Gance		January 25, 2010
97	Chi Lihua		January 25, 2010
98	Chu Wenmei	354690	January 25, 2010
99	Chun Xi Li	296296	January 25, 2010
100	Conde Helene		January 25, 2010
101	Contreras Danilo M.	173315	January 26, 2010
102	Corpuz Crisanto T.	120797	January 26, 2010
103	Cowtreras Danilo M.		January 26, 2010
104	Cruz Mary Grace I.	134841	January 26, 2010
105	Cui Mingyu	136973	January 26, 2010
106	Cui Songchun	296756	January 26, 2010
107	Cui Sujuan		January 26, 2010
108	Dabu Linda Marie B.		January 26, 2010
109	Dacucos Imelda	182520	January 26, 2010
110	Dai Fuzhong		January 26, 2010
111	Daquilla Clarita S.		January 27, 2010
112	De Jesus Solita L.	154229	January 27, 2010
113	De Leon Baltazar D.	130346	January 27, 2010
114	De Luna Susana P.	176175	January 27, 2010
115	Dela Cruz Henedina M.	101603	January 27, 2010
116	Dela Cruz Arselina B.		January 27, 2010
117	Deng Lixia	132833	January 27, 2010
118	Deng Zhiqun	157395	January 27, 2010
119	Deng Chaomei	286849	January 27, 2010
120	Deng Suzhen	283671	January 27, 2010
121	Dev Madhari R.	291943	January 28, 2010
122	Dilag Luz A.	105979	January 28, 2010
123	Diputado Nestor	121940	January 28, 2010
124	Dominador Mejos	161800	January 28, 2010
125	Donaire Lolito G.	193845	January 28, 2010
126	Dong Minehua	286646	January 28, 2010
127	Dorde Maria Lina O.	152053	January 28, 2010
128	Dorolina Rasty M.	295573	January 28, 2010
129	Dugos Lonita P.		January 28, 2010
130	Duran Melinda M.	164749	January 28, 2010
131	Eamilao Jeorge E.		January 29, 2010
132	Ebrada Amado D.	103250	January 29, 2010
133	Eliares Esterlita	132596	January 29, 2010
134	Enriquez Carlo D.	106544	January 29, 2010
135	Enriquiez Joel M.	159960	January 29, 2010
136	Esmero Melinda B.	107323	January 29, 2010
137	Esperancilla Serafin A.	110705	January 29, 2010
138	Fabros Marites E.	203230	January 29, 2010
139	Factor Anthony Dela Cruz	118615	January 29, 2010
140	Fang Yilin	146903	January 29, 2010
141	Fang Jianbin	152505	February 1, 2010
142	Fang Weiguo	197051	February 1, 2010
143	Fang Quan		February 1, 2010
144	Fang Xiaofang	137079	February 1, 2010
145	Fang Zu Yong		February 1, 2010
146	Feag Yan Huan	157409	February 1, 2010
147	Feng Lirong	155156	February 1, 2010
148	Feng Quanmin	159979	February 1, 2010
149	Flores Ricardo J.	172189	February 1, 2010
150	Flores Ricardo J.	172189	February 1, 2010
151	Francisco Rodolfo M.	113200	February 2, 2010
152	Francisco Ma. Corazon D.	134847	February 2, 2010
153	Fu Guoyan	186950	February 2, 2010
154	Fu Chunying	290555	February 2, 2010
155	Galido George R.	120410	February 2, 2010
156	Galindez Gedeliza B.	102613	February 2, 2010
157	Gallardo Alfredo E.	121713	February 2, 2010
158	Gang Zhang	105843	February 2, 2010
159	Gao Yueqiang	295662	February 2, 2010
160	Gao Zhangquan	295659	February 2, 2010
161	Gao Xiaomei		February 3, 2010
162	Geng Cui	288905	February 3, 2010
163	Gestole Marites G.	202975	February 3, 2010
164	Gong Xi Ru		February 3, 2010
165	Gong Jin Fang	181115	February 3, 2010
166	Gong Liping		February 3, 2010
167	Gong Xuehua		February 3, 2010
168	Gopez Daisy C.	290712	February 3, 2010
169	Gu Shenrong	281218	February 3, 2010
170	Gu Li Gong	285089	February 3, 2010
171	Gu Lianhua	288488	February 4, 2010
172	Gu Keke		February 4, 2010
173	Guan Feng Yu	139867	February 4, 2010
174	Guanlao Amalia A.	120249	February 4, 2010
175	Guirey Michael D.	281237	February 4, 2010
176	Gumabay Antonio	149396	February 4, 2010
177	Gunida Virgilio	186884	February 4, 2010
178	Guo Xueli	195459	February 4, 2010
179	Guo Qiongying	186333	February 4, 2010
180	Guo Yue		February 4, 2010
181	Guo Xiandong		February 5, 2010
182	Gustar Jose C.	127755	February 5, 2010
183	Halim Abdul	138846	February 5, 2010
184	Han Hong Bo	280051	February 5, 2010
185	Han Ye		February 5, 2010
186	He Jun	150667	February 5, 2010
187	He Tangbo	282030	February 5, 2010
188	He Wei Feng	300150	February 5, 2010
189	He Jiandong	311801	February 5, 2010
190	Hechanova Aurora	290395	February 5, 2010
191	Heneral Anita D.	112361	February 8, 2010
192	Hernandez Ana Maria C.	129416	February 8, 2010
193	Hong Shu	284126	February 8, 2010
194	Hong Yuging	127871	February 8, 2010
195	Hong Chunji		February 8, 2010
196	Hongjie Yang		February 8, 2010
197	Hossain Md. Aktar	133403	February 8, 2010
198	Hossain Mohammad Amzad	135868	February 8, 2010
199	Hu Qunxing	166227	February 8, 2010
200	Hu Ping	174325	February 8, 2010
201	Hu Gui Hua	287734	February 9, 2010
202	Huang Zhao Towg	172961	February 9, 2010
203	Huang Qingai	185968	February 9, 2010
204	Huang Haiyan	186709	February 9, 2010
205	Huang Kun Lan	195695	February 9, 2010
206	Huang Xu	292115	February 9, 2010
207	Huang Li Gen	298950	February 9, 2010
208	Huang Jihong	166930	February 9, 2010
209	Huang Chun Tang		February 9, 2010
210	Huang Wei Jie		February 9, 2010
211	Huang Zhi		February 10, 2010
212	Huang Xiuzhen		February 10, 2010
213	Huang Tingye		February 10, 2010
214	Huang Haishan		February 10, 2010
215	Jallega Geel E.		February 10, 2010
216	Javier Wilma D.		February 10, 2010
217	Javier Rudy Borja		February 10, 2010
218	Jiang Meizhen	165869	February 10, 2010
219	Jiang Ming Jun	140863	February 10, 2010
220	Jiang Deke	291854	February 10, 2010
221	Jiang Hongying	297343	February 11, 2010
222	Jin Yuji	128588	February 11, 2010
223	Jin Tai Long	175634	February 11, 2010
224	Jin Chengjun	120152	February 11, 2010
225	Jin Jin Fu	172574	February 11, 2010
226	Jin Tie Tan	157167	February 11, 2010
227	Jin Juandi	157742	February 11, 2010
228	Jin Linjie	160673	February 11, 2010
229	Jin Guangzhi	190633	February 11, 2010
230	Jin Jing Guo	194740	February 11, 2010
231	Jin Guo	281825	February 12, 2010
232	Jin Guodao	281825	February 12, 2010
233	Jin Tianjin	285214	February 12, 2010
234	Jin Cheng Zhen	289928	February 12, 2010
235	Jin Zheng Nam	289686	February 12, 2010
236	Jin Xuyang		February 12, 2010
237	Jin Zhiyong		February 12, 2010
238	Jin Shanyu		February 12, 2010
239	Jin Ping Shi		February 12, 2010
240	Ju Dong Mei	198123	February 12, 2010
241	Kanagasabai Rasalingam	127765	February 16, 2010
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243	Lagartos Feofilo C.	121853	February 16, 2010
244	Lai Donggui	122318	February 16, 2010
245	Lan Yuan Mei	192756	February 16, 2010
246	Lang Xue Fen	186234	February 16, 2010
247	Leo Roland B.	101431	February 16, 2010
248	Li Yunli	158695	February 16, 2010
249	Li Jianke	291098	February 16, 2010
250	Li Bofei	148824	February 16, 2010
251	Li Longzhu	124717	February 17, 2010
252	Li Yunlong	124725	February 17, 2010
253	Li Fu Jin	200125	February 17, 2010
254	Li Qingyun	151144	February 17, 2010
255	Li Guang Chun	135833	February 17, 2010
256	Li Zhiqin	137021	February 17, 2010
257	Li Chang Gui	154765	February 17, 2010
258	Li Hai Sen	141429	February 17, 2010
259	Li Yaqin	161253	February 17, 2010
260	Li Yuanta	163458	February 17, 2010
261	Li Yunmei	171741	February 18, 2010
262	Li Ya Wu	135131	February 18, 2010
263	Li Qian De	143388	February 18, 2010
264	Li Hui	175102	February 18, 2010
265	Li Shanshu	166815	February 18, 2010
266	Li Xiang hua	175926	February 18, 2010
267	Li Ye Hong	185714	February 18, 2010
268	Li Huajian	201521	February 18, 2010
269	Li Jingtian	202916	February 18, 2010
270	Li Zhi Xian	291750	February 18, 2010
271	Li Zeng Pei		February 19, 2010
272	Li Zhi Cheng	204788	February 19, 2010
273	Li Bao Fang	285388	February 19, 2010
274	Li Qingfeng	289583	February 19, 2010
275	Li Fayan	291431	February 19, 2010
276	Li Jianpo	295663	February 19, 2010
277	Li Lian Ju	299349	February 19, 2010
278	Li Yu Xia	137806	February 19, 2010
279	Li Honghe		February 19, 2010
280	Li Jinxing		February 19, 2010
281	Li Zhijian	357771	February 22, 2010
282	Liang Hongjie	139025	February 22, 2010
283	Liao Danian	285938	February 22, 2010
284	Lila Rijal Prasad	147067	February 22, 2010
285	Limjoco Rosalinda Torreliza	164438	February 22, 2010
286	Lin Yanbing	150103	February 22, 2010
287	Lin Song	106523	February 22, 2010
288	Lin Zhenhong	281827	February 22, 2010
289	Lin Chen Rui	148624	February 22, 2010
290	Lin Shuzhen	296304	February 22, 2010
291	Lin Wen Shui	291135	February 23, 2010
292	Lin Guobiao	289691	February 23, 2010
293	Lin Shuiqing	296370	February 23, 2010
294	Lin Wenchuan		February 23, 2010
295	Lin Jie		February 23, 2010
296	Liu Jinchai	173683	February 23, 2010
297	Liu Fengxia	159854	February 23, 2010
298	Liu Huiping	170363	February 23, 2010
299	Liu Ruqiong	284119	February 23, 2010
300	Liu An Hui	292491	February 23, 2010
301	Liu Woming	283589	February 24, 2010
302	Liu Ju	165329	February 24, 2010
303	Liu Zhe		February 24, 2010
304	Liu Ping		February 24, 2010
305	Liu Lixin		February 24, 2010
306	Liu She		February 24, 2010
307	Liu Ping		February 24, 2010
308	Liu Zhenggang		February 24, 2010
309	Locsin Edita N.	117335	February 24, 2010
310	Lontoc Estrella A.	145109	February 24, 2010
311	Lopena Annibelle G.	297903	February 25, 2010
312	Lopez Lilia C.	114769	February 25, 2010

WANG PAUNAWA
ELLA PERMITS
/AIVER NG OVERSTAYER STATUS
MBRE 26-27, 2009

2. Police Clearance na makukuha sa Commonwealth Superior Court;
3. Balidong passport o katunayan na mayroong aplikasyon ng at ang lahat ng kailangang dokumento ay naisumite sa pinagmulang bansa;
4. Katunayan ng trabaho na inaprubahan at na-verify ng Commonwealth Department of Labor, bago o noong Pebrero 25, 2010; at
5. Katunayan ng anumang hindi pa tapos na claim na maaring magbigay katwiran sa mga panahon ng pag overstay.

Ang bawat overstayer ay naka iskedyul pumunta sa opisina ng Attorney General Investigation Unit sa Susupe, Saipan sa itinakdang araw sa bawat indibidwal. Sa araw ng interview, kailangang maipakita ng overstayer ang mga dokumentong nakalista sa taas para sa pagsusuri at konsiderasyon ng opisyal na nag iimbestiga, na siyang magdedetermina, base sa mga dokumento, na kung dapat i-renew ang umbrella permit.

Pagpapawalang bisa ng Kondisyonal na Umbrella Permit: Ang pagkabigong magbigay ng mga impormasyong nakalista sa taas, at/o pagkabigong makarating sa araw ng skedyul/oras ng skedyul at/o ang pagkabigong sumunod sa lahat ng iba pang kondisyon na may kaugnayan sa status na alinsunod sa batas (katulad ng mga regulasyon ng Department of Labor), ay magreresulta ng pagpapawalang bisa ng umbrella permit.

Kung mayroon kayong katanungan tungkol sa appointment at/o sa mga dokumentong kailangan para sa pag renew ng umbrella permit, maaring kontakin si AGIU Captain John Dela Cruz sa numerong 664-2314 o si AGIU Captain Edward Cabrera sa numerong 664-2320

IPINAGKALOOB NGAYONG IKA-25 NG NOBYEMBRE, 2009

NI: Edward T. Buckingham
Attorney General

第二份公告

保护伞许可证
过期居留身份豁免申请

2009 年 11 月 26 - 27 日

根据北马里亚纳宪法第三条第十一款，以及 1 CMC § 2151 *et seq* 所赋予的权力，司法部长在此授予有条件性的保护伞许可证给以下名单所列的每一个人。

司法部也将接纳劳工部提交的于 2009 年 11 月 23 日登报公布的“第二部分名单”，与司法部调查组的预约日期和时间将会在迟些时候公布。

由于这些个人都属于“过期居留者”，受到一定的条件限制。如果谁无法满足以下任何一个或所有条件，他/她的有条件性的保护伞许可证将宣告无效作废。

每份有条件性的保护伞许可证都可以续期更换。**续期更换过程将由司法部调查组(AGIU)成员审核。**每一份有条件性的保护伞许可证的续期更换取决于是否满足以下条件：

（1）**许可证费用。**根据身份过期时间的长短（即过期居留时间），许可证的所付费用必须符合以下列出的时间付费表。旧的许可证费用要在与司法部调查组预约好的那一天前全额付清。许可证持有者应提前把费用交给财政部并在他/她的预约日把收据出示给审核调查员：

身份过期年份	付费标准
0–5年	375美金
5–10年	750美金
10–15年	1125美金
15年以上	1500美金

（2）**无犯罪记录（警察报告），**可在本地商等法院获得；
（3）**有效护照证明，**或者护照申请（续期更换补换）以及其他必需文件已经递交到原籍国（大使馆）的证明；
（4）**雇佣证明，**由本地劳工部在 2010 年 2 月 25 日或之前出具核实并批准的；以及
（5）**任何正在进行中的索赔/申诉/诉讼证明，**以便确定身份过期的持续时间。

每一个过期居留者都已经被预先安排好，在一个指定的日期，到塞班苏苏比的司法部调查组办公室去面谈。在预约日的面谈中，过期居留者必须提供以上的文件给调查员审核。调查员会根据所提供的文件考量是否批准许可证的续期更换。

有条件性保护伞许可证的没收剥夺：未能提供以上所列的任何信息并且/或者，未能在预约安排日期和时间准时出现或者，未能符合其他所有与合法身份有关的限制条件（例如劳工部的规章制度），将会导致有条件性的保护伞许可证被没收剥夺。

如果你对预约或者保护伞许可证续期更换所需的文件有任何问题的话，请打电话联系司法部调查组组长 **John Dela Cruz（664-2314）**或司法部调查组主管 **Edward Cabrera（664-2320）**。

签发日：2009 年 11 月 25 日

司法部长：Edward T. Buckingham

ERMITS FOR OVERSTAYERS

AGIU No.	Name	LIIDS No.	Date of Appointment
313	Lorenzo Ma Nieya	152988	February 25, 2010
314	Lorica Maria Teresita R.	202499	February 25, 2010
315	Lou Zhu Su	186226	February 25, 2010
316	Lu Changqing	173550	February 25, 2010
317	Lu Qing	172946	February 25, 2010
318	Lu Guolan	165369	February 25, 2010
319	Lu Wenwen	199238	February 25, 2010
320	Lu Zhen Qing		February 25, 2010
321	Lucero Benjamin C.		February 26, 2010
322	Lumauag Liza A.		February 26, 2010
323	Lumilan Virginia P.	118944	February 26, 2010
324	Luo Dewen	155054	February 26, 2010
325	Luo Wenhuan	250505	February 26, 2010
326	Luo Jinqun	358203	February 26, 2010
327	Ma Shujuan	155157	February 26, 2010
328	Ma Yunxin	292444	February 26, 2010
329	Macaraeg Elpidio A.	175310	February 26, 2010
330	Magno Nilo B.		February 26, 2010
331	Malaca Morida G.	149149	March 1, 2010
332	Malapitan Herminiano Jr. A.	110246	March 1, 2010
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Maharlika – Pinoy Style

Pacquiao: The stage is scarier than the ring

By MARINEL CRUZ
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

From Arnel Pineda, Journey front man, to Manny: "We are the champions."

MANILA, Philippines—"Singing is more scary for me than fighting," said Manny Pacquiao, who performed in a GMA 7-show at the SM Mall of Asia on Friday to celebrate his historic victory.

Pacquiao sang five songs during the tribute program, "Pitong Panalo Pacquiao," for his seventh world boxing title win in Las Vegas on Nov. 14. He performed "Lambada," "Born For You," "Awitin Mo, Isasayaw Ko" and "Lahing Pinoy," with his band Calsada; and a duet with "Britain's Got Talent" discovery Madonna Decena on "Sometimes When We Touch," which he earlier sang on the US TV show, "Jimmy Kimmel Live."

At the MOA bash, Pacquiao was joined by his wife Jinkee and kids Jemuel, Michael and Princess. The youngest, 11-month-old Queen Elizabeth, stays in GenSan. Jinkee sang along with her husband, who also handed out T-shirts to fans.

Pacquiao was tightly guarded by his own "PSG" (Pacquiao Security Group), making it impossible for entertainment writers to get near him. He was whisked away right after the show.

The event was hosted by Kapuso stars Arnel Ignacio and Carla Abellana. Arnel Pineda, lead singer of Journey, dedicated "We Are the Champions" to the champ.

Jay Durias, Wency Cornejo, Luke Mejares, Kris Lawrence, Jay-R, Jan Nieto and Kyla also performed.

"SOP" talents Chynna Ortaleza, Ryza Cenon, Mico Aytono, Edgar Allan and Rainier Castillo were featured in a hip hop dance number. Rich Asuncion, Mocha and Krissa Mae did a provocative production number with the Abstract Dancers.

Present at the event were network execs Gilberto Duavit, Wilma Galvante and Bang Arespacochaga, Environment Secretary Lito Atienza and Deputy National Security Adviser Chavit Singson.

Krista has 'deleted' me

By DOLLY ANNE CARVAJAL
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

I chanced upon Angel Locsin, Cristine Reyes, Anne Curtis, Sam Milby and their friends having a nightcap last Sunday at Bugsy's Makati. Sam and Anne arrived and left together. Could they be working on a reconciliation or are they just rebuilding their friendship?

The spark in their eyes said what words couldn't. "Sam and I are hanging out again," Anne admitted. "Let's see where things go."

Anne and Angel were in a festive mood because their "Shop & Share" online site has earned $15,000 for "Ondoy" victims. Cristine is back in high spirits after her harrowing "Ondoy" experience.

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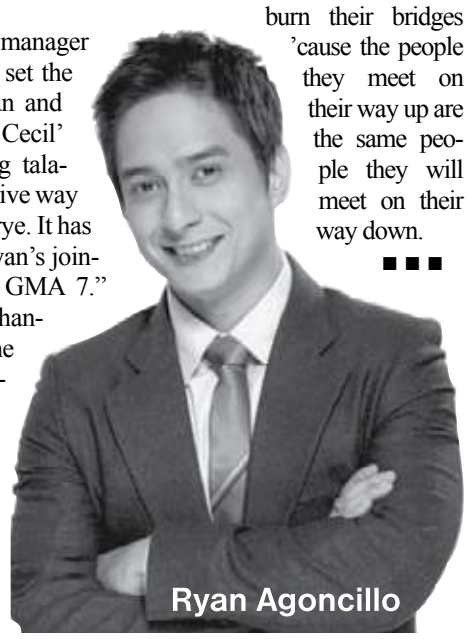
Ryan Agoncillo's manager Noel Ferrer wants to set the record straight: "Ryan and Juday's 'George & Cecil' runs till January lang talaga," he says. "It will give way to Juday's new teleserye. It has nothing to do with Ryan's joining 'Eat Bulaga' on GMA 7." That makes Ryan channel-friendly, since he has shows on Channels 2, 7 and 5!



Ryan Agoncillo

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Hayden Kho has opened a restaurant in Quezon City. We have it on good authority that there are no hidden cameras in the premises. The only "heat" Hayden takes these days is confined to the kitchen. What's KHOking, dude?

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Pop singer Princess would rather put her own Hayden Kho episode behind her. "Next time I should be more careful. I must stop, look and listen before I jump," she says. "I'll focus on my career now and promote my acoustic Christmas album. Bantay-sarado na ko ng manager ko (laughs)." Princess is in no hurry to find her prince.

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Krista Ranillo deleted me and other media contacts from her Facebook account. If she has nothing to hide, why is she cutting ties with the press? Stars should not burn their bridges 'cause the people they meet on their way up are the same people they will meet on their way down.

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Igi Boy Muhlach has quit drinking. Marriage and impending fatherhood seem to have made him mellow. No to carpe vino, or seize the wine. Instead, cease the wine!

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Mr. Fu and I could not stop teasing Maui Taylor during the taping of our show, "Stop, Talk & Listen" (daily on Cgnal TV's Viva Cinema Channel) because R&B artist Young JV dropped by to visit her. Earlier, he also visited her at the gym.

When Young JV was a guest in our show, he and Maui had instant physical attraction. Would anybody mind?

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ABS-CBN's "Sports Unlimited" (Saturdays), hosted by Dyan Castillejo and Marc Nelson bagged the Hall of Fame award for Best Sports Program at the 2009 Catholic Mass Media Awards.

For Dyan and Marc, the product is active life and their office is outdoors. When it comes to action and adventure, the tandem and their crew set the standard.

The show thrives on many "firsts": Marc was the first ever non-pilot in the country to ride an Alpha fighter jet. They were the first to reach the peak of the highest mountains in Southeast Asia—Mt. Kinabalu and Mt Pulag—and to swim in the crater of Mt. Pinatubo. Their team was the first to attempt a nine-hour open sea journey on jet skis, from Lucena to Boracay, and succeeded. Dyan and Marc heed the call of the wild which, for them, is also the call of duty!

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It's not a remote possibility that Jo Anne Quintas (Josa) and Joey Marquez are getting too close for comfort. Joey's track record with women speaks for itself. Some of his ex-es are models/beauty queens like Josa. It's just sad that Josa and Domino Primero parted ways. They were so well-suited for each other. Dom and Josa had perfect teamwork in mounting World Wide Womb's huge club parties/events. I remember Dom told me once that he's having a hard time dealing with Josa's mood swings caused by the diet pills she was taking.

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Gina Alajar wonders how "The Buzz" accessed her Facebook account when, she says, she has no FB contacts from the show. She was shocked to see her FB page and status update shown on national television. Her status update read: "If I were Jinky Pacquiao, I would not give up Manny. Krista Ranillo is not worth it at all."

"Di ba dapat nagpaalam muna sila sa akin?" she said. "My FB is for close friends and family only. It's a social networking site but it has regulations. I think it's against rules to use something from a member's site without informing the person."

Crazy things happen when our lives become an open Facebook.

TAKE CHARGE

Plan for a budget-friendly Christmas

Question: With only about a month left before Christmas, I am starting to panic about not having started on Christmas shopping! I am waiting for my 13th month pay, and hopefully, a little bonus as well. In the past few years, I think I may have gone overboard in my Christmas spending. Please give me tips on how I can be moneywise this season.—Toni

Answer: The Christmas holiday season is very much anticipated in many places around the world, but probably more in the Philippines, where the season starts once the "-ber" months kick in. Stores put up their Christmas decor early and radio stations play Christmas carols every day. Malls lay out events one after the other to build up excitement. It is thus understandable that you are starting to feel the "panic" at realizing Christmas day is near.

With your 13th month pay and possibly 14th month pay coming in soon, you will have a large sum on your hands. To make sure you don't go overboard and spend more than you should, there is one thing you must do before buckling down to shop: Make a budget.

Budgeting sounds like a dreary chore, but it is absolutely essential if you want to make sure you don't overspend and get greeted by a huge credit card bill come January. In fact, it is so important that you need to do it throughout the year and not just during the holiday season.

How does one start with a budget and make sure you stick to it? Here are some tips:

1. Take a cue from Santa Claus and make a list of people you want to give gifts to this Christmas. Group them into family, friends, officemates, clients, and others. Check your list twice and edit your list. If you can give one gift to a group, say a cake for your entire department in the office, that would be good.

2. Assign a peso value to each gift recipient. This will be your budget for your gift. Do not go over your budget, or else your whole budget for Christmas will be ruined.

3. Look for possible gifts in bazaars, bargain places, or even in sale bins in mall stores so you can save on money. There is a bazaar in the city almost every weekend organized by socio-civic groups and they are worth checking out for unique items that are not that expensive. For bargain places, Divisoria tops the list. You may also want to check out Baclaran and Greenhills for budget-friendly gifts. There are also outlet stores of some big name stores found in malls; find out where these outlet stores are located – often, they sell past season items at generous discounts.

4. Browse over good deals on the Internet. Many young startup entrepreneurs have online websites where you can order interesting goods you will not find in malls. You may even get better prices online as they also have "sale" items.

5. When shopping at bargain centers, ask for discounts. It doesn't hurt to ask, and more often than not, sales people will gladly give you a discount, especially if you buy more than one item.

6. Take advantage of free services, such as free gift-wrapping and free delivery. These services will even lower your expenses.

7. If you are a credit cardholder and your card company offers a rewards program, check your accumulated points and rewards catalog. You may be able to exchange your points for gifts your family will enjoy.

8. Make gifts yourself. If you are good at something (examples: baking, cooking, scrapbooking, jewelry-making), find time to personally prepare your gifts.

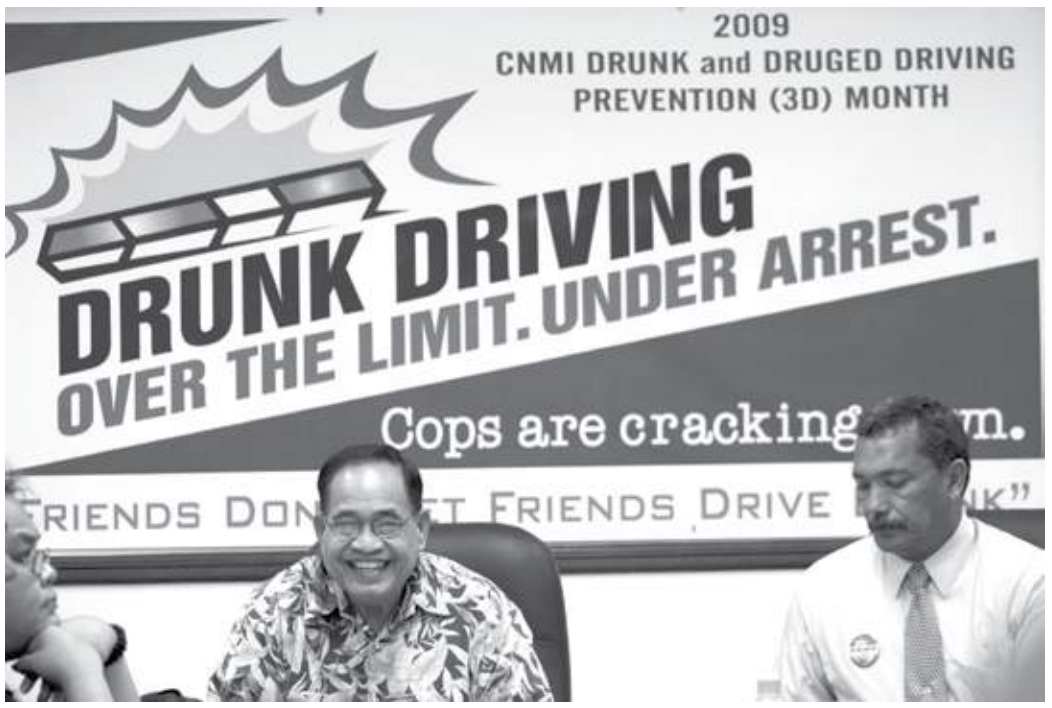
9. Recycle gifts. There is nothing wrong with giving away gifts you have received which are still in good condition and are in their original packaging and which you haven't used and can be better appreciated by others. Just make sure you change the wrapper and take out the original gift card.

10. Go local. Imported goods may cost more than locally made ones. Find gifts that are locally made and at the same time help the economy to grow.

Because Christmas isn't all just gift-giving, expect to spend also for potluck parties with friends. Decide on a dish you will bring that will not cost that much yet will still be appreciated. It would be better if you will do the cooking yourself to even bring down costs. But if you are bent on ordering a dish, scout around for reasonably-priced delicious dishes and partner with a friend and split the cost.

A budget-friendly Christmas is not hard to attain. Merry Christmas! ***(Inquirer.net/Citibank)***

Maharlika – Samu't Sari



DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE
Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, left, laughs as Public Safety Commissioner Santiago F. Tudela, right, looks on right before the governor signed a proclamation declaring December 2009 CNMI Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month during a brief ceremony in the governor's conference room on Capital Hill yesterday afternoon. As the holiday season begins, authorities call on the community not to drive or let others drive when they are under the influence of alcohol or drugs to save not only their lives but also the lives of others. Since the start of 2009, the Department of Public Safety recorded five deaths linked to alcohol and 171 drinking under the influence of alcohol-related arrests.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

CLEANUP BRIGADE
G4S Cleanup Drive Brigade combed the Beach Road area by taking away trash, empty cans of softdrink and beer and other foreign materials from the Quarter Master area all the way to the Civic Center yesterday morning, Nov. 27, 2009, from 6am to 7:30am. Several bags of trash were removed. The volunteers were headed by Jimmy Sison, Jun Lapeceros, Teddy Sansano and Mashiur Rahamakhan.

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BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT
Happy birthday to Vladislav Kenneth Hart, who is celebrating his 2nd birthday! We love you Vlad! Lublu! Greetings come from Mom, Dad, Grandma, Uncle, Aunt and friends!

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THANKSGIVING FEAST
Maeda Pacific Corp.'s president Tom Nielsen (in white T-shirt) provided a Thanksgiving Day lunch for all MPC workers and subcontractors who are doing the construction of Route 201 Road and Drainage Improvements on Tinian, CNMI. Most MPC workers are locals from both Saipan and Tinian. The workers enjoyed very much the turkey and ham during their lunch.

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THANKSGIVING GIFT
The class of Ms. Ann Rosario at the Sinapalo Elementary School on Rota presents a Thanksgiving gift to PDM Promoters Inc. In the picture is James, PSS staff, and Misako Kamata, director for PDM Promoters Inc.

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CONGRATULATIONS!
Congratulations to PFC Christopher B. Concepcion on your graduation from basic training in Fort Knot, Kentucky! Love, your Atmarao family.

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PROFICIENT LEVEL
Lance Christian Artango de la Torre, a first grader, shows the three awards that he received on Tuesday from San Vicente Elementary School. Under classroom teacher Rufina Seman, Lance de la Torre was awarded the Citizenship Award, Perfect Attendance, and Certificate of Achievement. He has "achieved the high standard in academic subjects and awarded the proficient level, which exceeds grade level expectations on the benchmarks" during the first quarter.

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TENDERLOIN DISTRICT
The Tenderloin District is the newest band performing at the Club V of the Saipan Grand Hotel. The group arrived on Saipan Tuesday and began performing yesterday. From left, George Saligan (lead guitar), Josh Sanchez (keyboards), Bugs Servales (bass guitar), Kobe Tayo (vocalist), Reeve Henry (vocalist), and Mark Ayangco (drums).

JAYVEE VALLEJERA

KARIDAT DONATION
In a true spirit of Thanksgiving, the children of Sister Remedios School share with the needy through their gifts to Karidat.

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YoungStyle

Kids test toys, find what is nice

By MARGARET WEBB PRESSLER
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Every year KidsPost asks young students at area schools to test a new crop of toys and tell us which ones they like — just in time for the holiday season. This year, we sent more than 75 toys to 10 classrooms, from second to sixth grade, and what emerged is that there are some great games out there. Card games, electronic games and educational games all won fans. There were a few other stars, including a well-designed smoothie maker that was among the best cooking toys we tested, and the electronic hamsters known as Zhu Zhu Pets were a hit, too, which explains why they are scurrying off the shelves at area shops. And here, just in time for you to make your wish list, are what kids your age picked as the toys they are most likely to ask for, be playing with six months from now and even to be willing to spend their own money on! The toys listed are widely available online or in stores unless otherwise noted.

THE WASHINGTON POST
KidsPost sent more than 75 toys to 10 classrooms, from second to sixth grade, for students to test, and what emerged is that there are some great games out there. From left, Truth Be Told, $28; 100 Really Dumb Things, $15, and Nina Versus Ninja, $25.

Games

By MARGARET WEBB PRESSLER
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WarStone, Duncan Toys, 8 and older, $13-$25. This new trading card game has an old-fashioned twist—marbles—that appealed to our third-grade testers. Like many trading card games in the style of Yu-Gi-Oh and Bakugan, this game can get complex, but the kids didn't mind that. The marbles have cool creatures inside. Available at www.warstone.com.

Kid Cranium SpongeBob SquarePants edition, Hasbro, 7 and older, $25. Be prepared to act, crack codes, sketch and sculpt to win this SpongeBob-themed game. The fourth-grade testers said that it was "interactive" and that it "never got old."

Nina Versus Ninja, Out of the Box, 8 and older, $25. Players are challenged to go into one another's territory and get back out without being captured. The fifth-graders loved that it was easy to set up and fun for beginners and masters. "Cool" and "awesome" were the words used a lot to describe this game.

Count Down & Spell Up, Cadaco, 6 and older, $15. This combination of two award-winning games really works. Third-graders liked the reversible design that let them test their spelling and math skills in one game.

100 Really Dumb Things, Patch Products, 7 and older, $15. Silliness rules in this game, which has you do goofy things either every time it's your turn or when something specific happens. One fifth-grade tester described it as "the best game ever."

Truth Be Told, Buffalo Games, 12 and older, $28. The host player writes the answer to a personal question, and other players write down what they think the host's answer would be. You win points by guessing which answer is the real one. Sixth-graders enjoyed this game.

On the Double card game, PlayRoom, 8 and older, $12. In this fast-paced game, players have to get rid of their cards as quickly as they can by matching the colors and shapes on both sides of their cards. You could play this over and over "without getting bored," said one fourth-grader. Available at Amazon and some independent retailers.

Hyper Blast, Wild Planet, 6 and older, $20. Stomp on the console, and little balls fly around the room. You have to grab them and put them back in the console in the right order — sometimes by color, by number or using math. It's harder than it looks! The testers in third grade loved "blasting it" and "running around."

You make it

By MARGARET WEBB PRESSLER
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Desert Biodome, DuneCraft, 7 and older, $25. This kit lets you plant your own cactus garden. The kids liked doing something that wasn't rushed and loud. "Now I have an interest in gardening," one fourth-grade tester said.

EZ-2 Make Jamba Juice Smoothie and Ice Pop Maker, WowWee, 8 and older, $30. Remarkably easy to put together with a simple, safe design. "The smoothie that we made was delicious," one fourth-grade tester said.

Skeleflex Warriors and MicroDinos, Wild Planet, 7 and older, $6-$15. These kits are part building toys and part action figures, plus all the parts are interchangeable so you can make some really weird creatures! Even though the pieces were a little hard to snap together, these toys were a big hit with our third-grade testers.

THE WASHINGTON POST
The well-designed EZ-2 Make Jamba Juice Smoothie and Ice Pop Maker ($30) was among the best cooking toys the KidsPost volunteers tested.

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KidsPost's third-grade testers loved making necklaces with the Girl Gourmet Sweets Candy Bead Studio ($20).

Girl Gourmet Sweets Candy Bead Studio, Jakks Pacific, 8 and older, $20. Candy necklaces get a makeover with this "cooking" toy that has a sweet ending. Third-graders loved the idea and said it was "easy" and "fun" to do, but they weren't sure they would still be playing with it in six months.

Electronic

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Zhu Zhu Pets, Cepia, 4 and older, $10-$22. These new toys are already very popular, so put them on your list now if you want your parents to be able to find them. Our second-grade testers loved the squeaking, unpredictable little hamsters and the twisty playground they move around in. The animals also have toys, habitats and accessories, all of which are sold separately.

Roborover, WowWee, 8 and older, $69. Getting this toy robot out of the box took a while, but the payoff was worth it, testers said. The alien-like robot responds to commands and talks back, getting smarter the more you work with it. "We didn't get to play with it long enough" was the worst thing our testers in second grade could say about it.

FlyTech LightStar remote control toy, WowWee, 8 and older, $20. Third-grade testers said this "fun" indoor flying toy is easy to control" but complained that the battery didn't last long enough.

THE WASHINGTON POST
The Roborover ($69) was hard to get out of the box, but the payoff was worth it, KidsPost toy testers said. The electronic hamsters known as Zhu Zhu Pets ($10 to $22) were a hit, too.

With Walter Iooss, sports become art

By FRED BOWEN
Special to The Washington Post

Bowen is the author of such kids' books as "Touchdown Trouble" and "Soccer Team Upset."

WASHINGTON—The Newseum is the place to be if you like sports and are looking for something different to do over the holidays. The interactive museum is hosting a wonderful exhibit called "Athlete: The Sports Illustrated Photography of Walter Iooss."

Iooss (pronounced "yose" as in "dose") is perhaps the world's most famous sports photographer. His pictures have appeared on more than 300 covers of Sports Illustrated.

The Newseum exhibit is not that big. There are just 40 or so images, but they are all special. Some are from the 1960s, when Iooss was starting his photography career. The pictures capture the details of an era that is long gone: football players wearing single-bar face masks, basketball stars in short shorts and baseball parks with the late-afternoon shadows that crept across the field at the end of day games.

Many of Iooss' photos show the incredible physical presence of our athletic stars: Swimmer Michael Phelps stretching his limbs looks like some fantastic, prehistoric bird. Basketball legend Michael Jordan soaring through the air makes you wonder if he really could fly. Olympic skater Michelle Kwan against the New York City skyline is the essence of poise and grace.

Iooss did not photograph only stars. Several pictures show kids playing soccer and stickball on the streets of Cuba and Brazil. The images capture the pure, simple joy of sports, far away from the roaring stadium crowds.

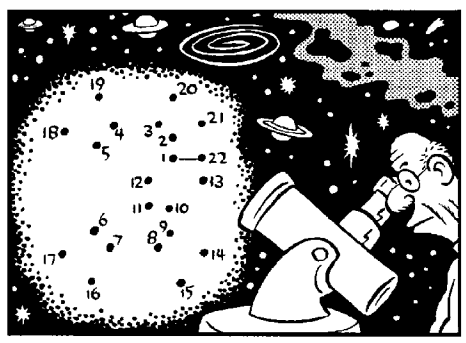
It's hard to pick a few favorite pictures from so many memorable images. But take a close look at the photograph that shows middleweight boxing champion Bernard Hopkins moving toward the ring, surrounded by his handlers. Hopkins' hard, expressionless face tells you why his boxing nickname was "The Executioner."

Then there is the series of three photos showing Hall of Fame pitcher Sandy Koufax unleashing a pitch. With each frame you can see, and almost feel, the incredible strain and effort each pitch must have been for the legendary left-hander.

If you go, be sure to read the material displayed beside each picture. These writings tell the often fascinating stories behind the pictures. And there is a short film in which Iooss talks about his pictures and his career.

Speaking of films, there is a cool movie in a Newseum theater next to the Iooss exhibit called "Press Box: The History of Sports Reporting," a 25-minute documentary that includes some of the great moments in sports.

So if you like sports and you like learning about sports history, check out the Newseum in the next few weeks. The Iooss photographs will be on display there through Dec. 31.



CONNECT THE DOTS and find out what the end of everything is.

Answer: The letter "G," of course, is at the end of "EVERY-THING."

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

SIGNS OF WINTER!

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T	D	G	D	R	A	Z	Z	I	L	B	E	S	H

Illustrated by David Coulson

DON'T SLIP UP ON THIS ONE! Try solving this AlphaMath puzzle over a nice cup of hot cocoa. You must replace the letters in the sign with the digits 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9, so that you have a correct addition problem. The same letters get the same digits.

Our answer: I=6, C=3, E=8, R=9, N=4, K=0, S=1, A=2, T=7. (638 + 9640 = 10278)

Hidden in the diagram above are 17 words associated with winter. They can be found by reading up or down, or side to side. You'll even find them diagonally going up or down. Letters can be used more than once. Listed below are the words that you're looking for.

Blizzard	Lights	Sleet
Christmas	Mistletoe	Snowball
Drift	Presents	Toboggan
Fireplace	Salt	Toys
Flurries	Shovels	Trees
Holidays	Sledding	

IT'S MAGIC! Use the numbers 6 through 15 to fill in this Magic Number Square. The numbers in each horizontal row, vertical column and even the four corner squares must total 55. We've filled in six of the squares. The rest is up to you. Use trial and error – and a good eraser!

	16	20	
19			17
	22		
			21

[55]

Answers: First row: 13, 16, 20, 6. Second row: 19, 7, 12, 17. Third row: 8, 22, 14, 11. Fourth row: 15, 10, 9, 21.

Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

■ It was American actress and dancer Charlotte Greenwood who made the following sage observation: "Temperament is temper that is too old to spank."

■ If you happen to own a Rolls Royce and want to swank it up a little bit, a mink jacket to fit the hood ornament is available for purchase.

■ San Francisco's iconic cable cars are the only mobile national monument in the United States.

■ You might be surprised to learn that, according to the Guinness Book of Records, the largest swimming pool in the world isn't found in one of the large industrialized nations as you might expect, but in the relatively small South American country of Chile. Built by a mega-resort on the ocean, the pool covers 20 acres, is more than 1,000 yards long and holds a whopping 66 million gallons of water. Construction took five years and cost more than $1.5 billion, and the estimated annual maintenance cost is more than $3 million.

■ Those who study such things say that lightning travels at one-third the speed of light.

■ American comedian and actor Jack Benny originally entered the family business of haberdashery. However, he was so bad at it that his own father fired him.

■ According to legend, it was shepherds in Ethiopia who first noticed the effects of caffeine. It seems that the goats they herded would become exceedingly frisky after eating the berries of the coffee plant.

■ In order to come up with the cash to start Apple Computers, Stephen Wozniak sold his programmable calculator and Steve Jobs sold his Volkswagen microbus.

■ An experienced florist will never put daffodils in a bouquet; the flower is toxic to other blooms.

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Thought for the Day: "Surrender is essentially an operation by means of which we set about explaining instead of acting."—Charles Peguy

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MAGIC MAZE ● LIGHT —

U	J	F	C	Y	V	R	O	L	H	E	B	X	U	R
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Q	P	N	M	O	E	E	K	J	E	I	H	U	O	F
E	C	B	Z	B	W	Y	Y	X	S	F	V	B	C	P

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Beam	Company	Meter	Show
Beer	Duty	Pollution	Weight
Bulb	Fixture	Rail	Year
Colonel	Headed	Sensitive	

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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

DIFFICULTY: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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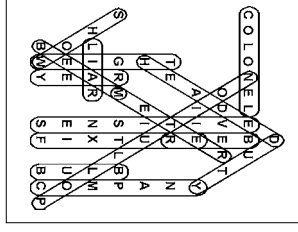

GO FIGURE ANSWER

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Bulldog needs extra attention

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: We have a male English Bulldog who is about to turn 16 months old, and within the past two days we have noticed that he appears to be having trouble climbing the stairs from our basement to the main floor. "Joey" climbs the stairs, but really slowly, unlike his usual self. Also, last night he yelped twice quite loudly and again he yelped loudly around 4 a.m.

We are keeping a close eye on him, but he does not seem to be having any other problems. He is eating and drinking normally, his stool is normal and he doesn't seem to be running a fever. He played with his nylabone this morning, although my wife noted he went back to his enclosure afterward to sleep, which he doesn't normally do. We've booked an appointment with the vet in a couple of days, but do you have any advice in the meantime?—Gary in Ontario, Canada

DEAR GARY: I'd say you're doing all the right things so far. You're closely monitoring Joey's activity, diet and sleep patterns, so you immediately noticed his problem with the stairs and didn't dismiss his nighttime yelps. Bulldogs have a high tolerance for pain—part of their reputation as tough guys—so a yelp is worth checking out. And you are doing just that, having scheduled an appointment with the veterinarian to double-check Joey's health.

Some readers might think it's a bit obsessive to worry about every little change in Joey's behavior. However, bulldogs, despite their stubborn toughness, can have very specific health issues that breeders, owners and vets must watch for. Besides certain eye and skin issues, hip dysplasia is a possibility, as are certain heart conditions.

If Joey doesn't return to a normal pattern in two days, take him to the vet as scheduled. Of course if his condition worsens, take him right away; but otherwise, continue to monitor him closely.

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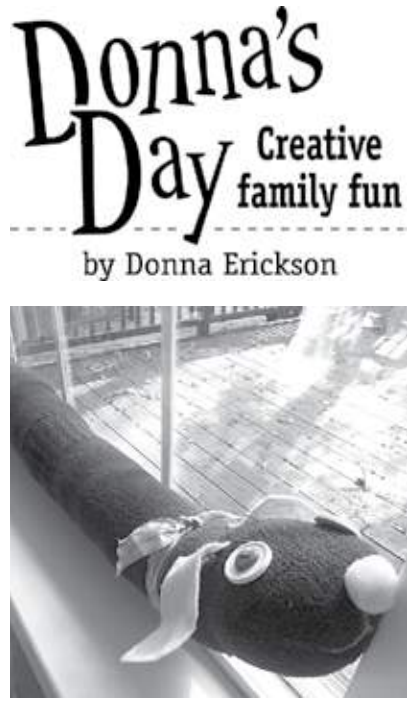
Make a draftbuster to keep out the chill



It's a new puppy! It's a soft toy! It's a draftbuster! Yes indeed, it's all three, and the adorable soft puppy will love to come into your home to keep some of winter's chilly drafts from breezing through doorway cracks and windows. It's super easy to make, practical to use and fun to give for a holiday gift. Make a litter! No matter where the people on your gift list live, they'll love to bring one into their home.

Here's the stuff you'll need:

■ A pair of new, long tube socks

■ Scraps of fabric, fiberfill or outgrown leggings and tights with elastic waistbands removed for filling

■ Needle and thread in the color of the tube socks

■ Decorative craft supplies such as buttons, felt, pompoms, ribbon and fabric paint

Here's the fun for adults and kids to do together:

1. STUFF the two tube socks with scraps of filling material. Show your child how to place the filling all the way to the toe end of each sock first and continue to fill until it almost reaches cuff area.

2. SEW the socks together at the cuffs (overlap them an inch or two) with a whipstitch to form a long tube.

Tip: If you are making it to fit snuggly in a windowsill, measure the length of the space first. Proceed to fill the socks to equal the total length of the draftbuster when the two socks are combined at the cuffs.

3. CREATE the head of your puppy. First, sew large buttons on one end to make eyes. We added two tiny blue buttons on top of the center holes of two white buttons, and sewed them together first before attaching to the face. Sew or glue on felt for floppy ears, pompoms for a nose. Create a mouth with fabric paint. Tie on a bright ribbon to make a collar. Add a felt tail, too.

Give your puppy a name, such as "Buster," and tuck it in a windowsill or along the bottom of a closed door to help keep out a chilly draft. Or, if you are giving a puppy or a litter of puppies away for homemade holiday gifts, add a nametag to the collar ribbon with puppy care instructions.

NOTE: This craft and the completed puppy contain small materials that are potential hazards for children 4 and under.

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Donna Erickson's award-winning television series "Donna's Day" airs on public television nationwide. Visit www.donnasday.com to find out when it airs on your local PBS station and to sign up for Donna's e-newsletter.

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Life & Style

Polanski prepares for luxury Alpine house arrest

AP

Journalists and photographers wait in front of the chalet of Polish-French filmmaker Roman Polanski named "Milky Way", in Gstaad, Canton of Bern, Switzerland, Thursday, Nov. 26, 2009.

GSTAAD, Switzerland (AP)—After two months in a Swiss jail, Roman Polanski prepared Thursday for the splendid captivity of his $1.6 million chalet in one of world's most luxurious winter resorts.

Polanski will have views of snowcapped Alpine peaks, spacious rooms and the all the amenities of a town with a reputation for catering to the wishes of the rich and famous.

But he won't be able to go out the front door.

In this isolated bastion of wealth—which Elizabeth Taylor once called home and Michael Jackson visited—the 76-year-old director will be placed under house arrest as soon as he posts $4.5 million bail, surrenders his identity documents and is fitted for an electronic bracelet that allows authorities to monitor his whereabouts.

The Justice Ministry declined Thursday to appeal a court decision granting Polanski bail, and said it would release him from jail while it considers whether to extradite him to the United States for having sex in 1977 with a 13-year-old girl.

"He must not leave this house," the ministry said in a statement.

Should he violate the terms of release, the bail will be forfeited to the Swiss government, it added.

Even without stepping outside, Polanski's life will improve from the small detention cell he had in Zurich with a sink, toilet, television and storage compartment.

Gstaad (pronounced guh-SHTAHD) offers a range of quality restaurants and hotels, and "people here can order food to their chalets any time," said Marlene Mueller of the local tourism agency.

From the gourmet shop Pernet Comestibles, fine food such as fresh oysters, Swiss cheeses and a range of whiskies and wine can be delivered.

And, even though Polanski may now be the world's most famous fugitive, most locals are likely to leave him alone.

"You can get almost everything here, provided you've got the money," tourism chief Roger Seifritz told The Associated Press. "Locals tend to go to the big cities to buy things, but our rich guests can get what they want right here."

The village of 3,500 full-time residents has cultivated its image as a haven of luxury since Swiss boarding schools set up their winter campuses here for the children of industrialists and aristocrats a century ago.

The locals' relaxed attitude to celebrities is typical in Switzerland and especially pronounced in Gstaad, where a "don't stare, don't tell" mentality has lured stars such as Roger Moore and Richard Burton away from the limelight at home.

"We prefer discretion," said Mayor Aldo Kropf. "That's why people come here."

Polanski also will get the same treatment from Swiss police, who have vowed to handle his transfer quietly.

"We don't want to show him off like an exotic animal," Justice Ministry spokesman Folco Galli told The Associated Press.

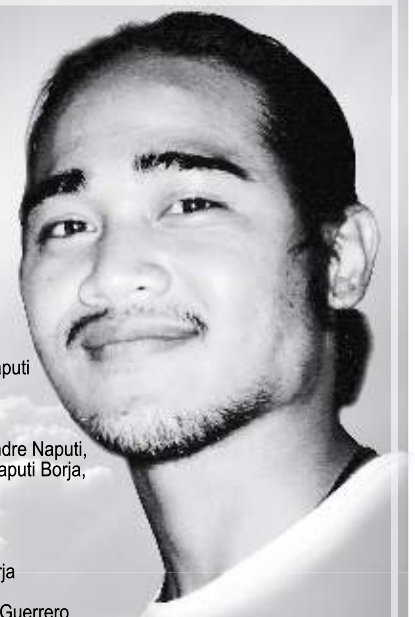
The bail decision was a major win for the director of "Rosemary's Baby," "Chinatown" and "The Pianist" after a series of legal setbacks following his Sept. 26 arrest on a U.S. warrant as he arrived in Zurich to receive a lifetime achievement award at a film festival.

Polanski was accused of raping a 13-year-old girl after plying her with champagne and a Quaalude pill during a modeling shoot in 1977. He was initially indicted on six felony counts, including rape by use of drugs, child molesting and sodomy, but he pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of unlawful sexual intercourse.

In Loving Memory of

RICHARD NAPUTI BORJA, JR.

August 16, 1987 - November 20, 2009



In his new life, he now joins his:

GRANDMOTHER: †Consolacion Hocog Naputi
UNCLE / AUNT: †Herman / Lydia Borja Palacios
†George Benavente
†Zelda Lynn Naputi Ayuyu
NIECES: †Jerika B. Aldan
†Joaquina Rosanna Borja Aldan

He is survived by his:

PARENTS: Ricardo Manglona Borja & Sara Elizabeth Naputi
SISTERS: Lorilyn Naputi Borja
Colleen Naputi Borja
Idalynn Naputi
NEPHEWS /NIECES: Matias Jesus Norja Bokuku, Richard Jay Kondre Naputi, Lydia Lynn Borja Bokuku, Jonisha Jolanah Naputi Borja, Jomeka Johleen Naputi Borja
GOD PARENTS: Agustine S. Naputi & Maria Duenas Naputi
GOD SON / DAUGHTER: Richard Jay Kondre Naputi Borja
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Marcelino Manglona / Evelyn Borja (Elvin, Earl, Eron, Elani)
Lourdes Borja / Joaquin P. Aldan (Joann, Daris, Joaquin Jr., Jonathan, Janel)
Agnes Manglona Borja (Heinz, Kerry)
Anna Borja Sablan / Martin Benavente (Baron, Nadine)
Vicente / Lucia Borja Cruz (Melanie, Vicente Jr., Delby, Dennise)
Henry / Harriett Naputi (Darsky, Darr, Perissa, Darton, Naputi, Irvin, Okaruru)
George Naputi / Nora Mendiola (Connie Naputi / John Techur, Sean, Jesse Ryan Naputi, Michael Flores)
Michael Naputi / Eleanor Dela Cruz (Mirilynna, Miguel DLC Naputi, Michael Vincent Sanchez)
Larry / Mary Eyvonne Surigao (Metgot Larry, Tonyrose, Jarren Surigao)
Vincent Naputi Mettao / Diane Villegas (Vianny, Jerome, Consolacion V. Mettao)

COUSINS:
Charlotte, Charlie, Chad, Charles
George Blas / Laura Ann Deleon Guerrero (Georalyn, Keoki, George Felix DLG Blas, Jr.)
Jesse T. Deleon Guerrero / Jony Savea (Jesselle, Kelome Deleon Guerrero)
William T. Deleon Guerrero / Krishna Piol (Jerishna, Kaelib Deleon Guerrero)
Leonard T. Deleon Guerrero / Primitiva B. Camacho

He is additionally survived by numerous nieces, nephews, extended families and friend.

On Sunday, November 29, 2009, public viewing will be held at Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel at Cabrera Center, Beach Road Garapan from 2:00pm to 4:00pm.

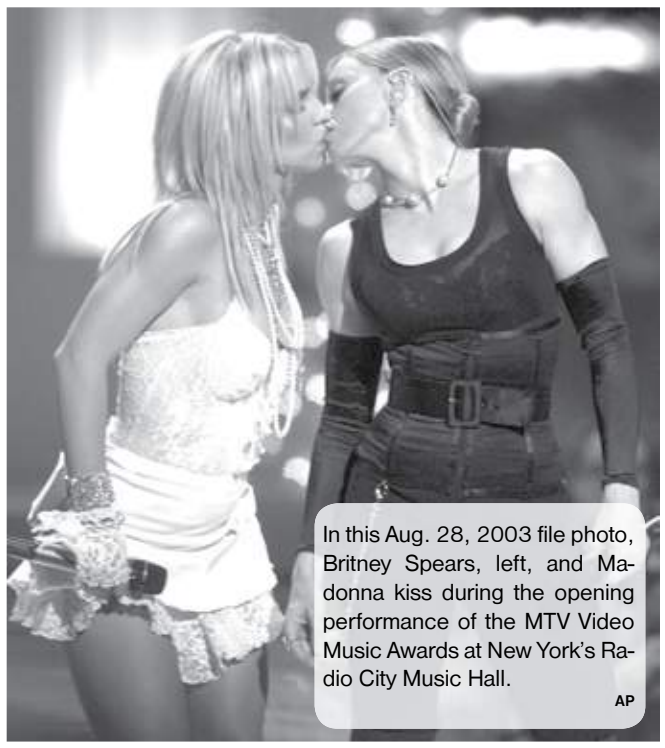
His remains will be flown to Tinian on Monday, November 30, 2009 at 5:00pm.

On Tuesday, December 01, 2009 – our beloved †Richard will be escorted from Tinian Health Center to San Jose Church at 7:30am for viewing and last respects. Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10:00am followed by interment service at Tinian cemetery.

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.

THE FAMILY

A NOBLE TRADITION:
Entertainers misbehaving on TV



In this Aug. 28, 2003 file photo, Britney Spears, left, and Madonna kiss during the opening performance of the MTV Video Music Awards at New York's Radio City Music Hall.

AP

NEW YORK (AP)—Entertainers have been misbehaving on TV—or accused of it, at least—long before singer Adam Lambert was even born.

A half-century ago, the king of controversies was whipped up by none other than the King, Elvis Presley, although no one seemed more mystified by all the fuss than Elvis himself.

Yes, he was shown on-camera only from the waist up, to protect the nation's youth from the sight of his gyrating nether regions.

But contrary to popular myth, Presley had already been exposed on several variety shows before this defensive camera work was introduced.

In fact, this was his third appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show" when, the night of Jan. 6, 1957, he performed a number of songs—all while limited to waist shots. And it followed by several months his first, full-body "Sullivan" appearance.

New York Times TV critic Jack Gould likened that spectacle in September 1956 to Presley's "striptease behavior on last spring's Milton Berle program."

"The issue is not one of censorship, which solves nothing," Gould boldly ventured. "It is one of common sense."

A decade later, The Doors' lead vocalist, Jim Morrison, took leave of his senses (but exercised artistic freedom) by defying the dictates of the all-mighty Sullivan. On Sept. 17, 1967, this rising rock foursome was appearing on "Ed Sullivan" to perform their breakout hit, "Light My Fire."

But the show's producers demanded a change in the line, "Girl, we couldn't get much higher," fearful as they were that it was making a drug reference. During the rehearsal, Morrison complied and sang a modified lyric. Then, on the show's live telecast, he sang "Light My Fire" the original way.

The Doors were not invited back.

On Oct. 3, 1992, Irish singer Sinead O'Connor went further and defied the Catholic church. Appearing on "Saturday Night Live," she sang "War," written by the late Bob Marley, a fellow critic of Catholicism.

When she was done, she held up an 8-inch-by-12-inch photo of John Paul II and ripped it to pieces, saying, "Fight the real enemy." She flung the pieces toward the camera, then blew out several candles. Many viewers and church members expressed outrage following the broadcast.

Unlike "SNL," the MTV Video Music Awards seems to encourage outrageous displays by its participants. The night of Aug. 28, 2003, Madonna didn't disappoint, memorably sharing an openmouthed kiss with both Christina Aguilera and Britney Spears.

Of course, they were humbled just a few months later by a Super Bowl-scale lapse in good taste. As no one needs to be reminded, the halftime show for Super Bowl XXXVIII ended shockingly (and, according to its performers, accidentally) when Justin Timberlake committed a wardrobe malfunction on Janet Jackson's right breast.

It was a rule-breaking, groundbreaking moment in TV. The debate and hysteria unleashed at that instant over public morals hasn't come close to subsiding. We can thank Adam Lambert for the latest reminder.

Art-house films top contenders at Chinese Oscars

HONG KONG (AP)—An Australia-based director's romance, a Taiwanese family drama and the story of a Chinese peasant guarding a cow are the unlikely trio of top contenders at the Chinese-language equivalent of the Oscars to be announced on Saturday.

Jurors for this year's Golden Horse Awards in Taiwan pushed aside several of the year's blockbusters in favor of art-house films. Movies like Jackie Chan's "Shinjuku Incident," John Woo's historical epic "Red Cliff II" and the biopic of Bruce Lee's kung fu teacher, "Ip Man," weren't among the leading nominees.

Instead, Clara Law's "Like a Dream" bagged nine nominations, Leon Dai's "No Pudeo Vivir Sin Ti" had eight and Guan Hu's "Cow" seven. The three films are vying for best pictures honors against Tsai Ming-liang's "Face"—the latest offering from the Malaysian-Chinese director known for minimal dialogue and music—and Chinese filmmaker Ning Hao's "Crazy Racer."

Law, Dai, Guan and Tsai are also candidates for best director.

The best actor nominees are Daniel Wu, who played a Chinese-American man who travels to China to look for his imaginary love in "Like a Dream;" Chen Wen-pin from "No Pudeo Vivir Sin Ti," the story of a working-class father who tries to retain custody of his 7-year-old daughter; Huang Bo from "Cow," which follows a Chinese peasant who protects a dairy cow from Japanese invaders, and Nick Cheung from the action thriller "The Beast Stalker."

The best actress competition will see a showdown between two of China's top actresses—Zhou Xun and Li Bingbing. Both women received nods for their performances in "The Message." The other contenders are Sandrine Pinna from the drama "Yang Yang" and Yolanda Yuan from "Like a Dream."

"The Message" is one of the few major commercial releases that racked up at least a few nominations. The Chinese spy thriller is also up for best screenplay adaptation, best visual effects, best art direction and best makeup and costume design.

Another high-profile production, Chen Kaige's "Mei Lanfang," also missed out on the top prizes. The famed Chinese director's profile of late Peking Opera star Mei Lanfang was nominated for best supporting actor, best supporting actress, best new performer and best makeup and costume design.

U.S.-based Oscar-winning director Ang Lee will serve as a presenter for his home country's top movie awards ceremony, as will Hong Kong actress Maggie Cheung, who is making a rare appearance during an extended break from filmmaking.

Tommy Hilfiger's estate in Conn. sells for $20M

GREENWICH, Conn. (AP)—Fashion designer Tommy Hilfiger's luxury estate in Connecticut has sold for $20 million, about $8 million below its original asking price.

Sotheby's International Realty says the 20,000-square-foot Greenwich mansion is being purchased by a family who toured it in September.

The mansion has eight bedrooms and nine bathrooms. It also features a 2,000-bottle wine cellar, indoor basketball court, sauna, massage room with a waterfall and home theater.

Hilfiger

Hilfiger purchased the home in 2005 for $18 million. It had been on the market since February 2008.

The designer has moved to New York City.

The mansion is located on Connecticut's Gold Coast, a bastion of suburban perfection that's home to Martha Stewart and is considered the inspiration for the Stepford Wives.

TOP TEN

Weekly charts for the nation's best-selling recorded music as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission.

Billboard Hot 100: Top 10

1. "**Empire State Of Mind,**" Jay-Z + Alicia Keys. Roc Nation.
2. "**Bad Romance**," Lady Gaga. Streamline/KonLive/Cherrytree/Interscope.
3. "**Fireflies**," Owl City. Universal Republic.
4. "**Whatcha Say,**" Jason DeRulo. Beluga Heights/Warner Bros.
5. "**TiK ToK**," Ke$ha. Kasz Money/RCA/RMG.
6. "**Replay,**" Iyaz. Time Is Money/Beluga Heights/Reprise.
7. "**Sexy Chick**," David Guetta feat. Akon. Gum/Astralwerks/Capitol.
8. "**Paparazzi**," Lady Gaga. Streamline/KonLive/Cherrytree/Interscope.
9. "**3**," Britney Spears. Jive/JLG.
10. "**Down**," Jay Sean feat. Lil Wayne. Cash Money/Universal Republic.

Hot Country Songs

1. "**Need You Now,**" Lady Antebellum. Capitol Nashville.
2. "**Do I,**" Luke Bryan. Capitol Nashville.
3. "**Cowboy Casanova**," Carrie Underwood. 19/Arista Nashville.
4. "**Consider Me Gone**," Reba. Starstruck/Valory.
5. "**Bonfire**," Craig Morgan. BNA.
6. "**I'm Alive**," Kenny Chesney With Dave Matthews. BNA.
7. "**I Wanna Make You Close Your Eyes**," Dierks Bentley. Capitol Nashville.
8. "**Fifteen**," Taylor Swift. Big Machine.
9. "**Toes,**" Zac Brown Band. Home Grown/Atlantic/Bigger Picture.
10. "**Red Light**," David Nail. MCA Nashville.

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New Jackie Kennedy dress on display at JFK Library

BOSTON (AP)—A deep pink silk dress worn by Jacqueline Kennedy for her second holiday season in the White House has gone on display at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Boston.

The first lady wore the dress to the White House staff Christmas reception on Dec. 12, 1962. The sleeveless dress by designer Hubert de Givenchy (oo-BARE' duh zhee-VAWN'-she) is simple in front, with twists of drapery and a bow on the back.

The Marine Band and singing groups from the Air Force, Army and Navy entertained the 1,200 party guests. A 16-foot Christmas tree was decorated with toys, candy canes and gingerbread houses.

The dress went on display Wednesday. The museum is open year-round except on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

This Dec. 12, 1962 photo provided by the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum shows President John F. Kennedy and his wife Jacqueline Kennedy alongside a White House Christmas tree in Washington.

AP

Air Force captain wins new car on 'Jay Leno Show'

NEW YORK (AP)—An audience member at "The Jay Leno Show" is especially grateful this Thanksgiving. He won a new car.

Air Force Capt. Tung Ngo (TUNG' noh) was in the audience filled with men and women of the U.S. military when Leno called his name during Thursday's special holiday program. It was taped at NBC studios in Burbank, Calif., just hours before airtime.

Ngo won a 2010 Ford Fusion Hybrid. He told Leno he was glad to get an upgrade from the 12-year-old car he drives.

The Lincoln, Neb., native is headed next week to a new assignment at Cape Canaveral, Fla.

His name was drawn from a bowl with names of Air Force audience members after that branch edged Army, Navy, Marine and Coast Guard rivals in several competitions during the show.

In this March 19, 2009 file photo, host Jay Leno is shown on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" in Burbank, Calif.

AP

Grandma looks for guidance to tame happy wild child

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My 8-year-old granddaughter has posed a question that stumped me, and I hope you can help with an answer: Why be neat and well-groomed?

She doesn't care what people think of how she looks. She sees no problem wearing clothes that are torn, etc. I am concerned that by the time she reaches adolescence she won't care how she looks when she leaves the house.

Her hair is extremely curly. It can't be combed or it gets wilder and frizzier, which adds to her unkempt appearance. Her hair may improve as she gets older if she's motivated to spend the extra time.

I am challenged by her question. How can I answer her?

LOST FOR WORDS IN FLORIDA

DEAR LOST FOR WORDS: Please stop trying to have an adult conversation with an 8-year-old. Where is this child's mother? Why is she permitted to go around in "torn, etc." clothing? It's time to talk to your son or daughter about helping their child with her grooming. The way your granddaughter looks is not only a reflection on herself, but also the adults whose responsibility it is to care for her. While she may not care how she looks, her parents should.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm a college freshman, majoring in French but taking other languages as well. I don't know what I want to do with my life, but I know that I love learning languages.

My friend, "Lacey," has offered me the chance to stay with her family in France during our next summer break. Her family suggested it, and Lacey is urging me to go. I want to go to France, but I was planning on studying abroad through my university in a couple of years.

Lacey thinks I should stay with her family for a month or two in order to appreciate the culture. She says I could do some baby-sitting or chores to earn my keep, but I have two concerns: I feel it would be an inconvenience for her family to take me in as a houseguest for the whole summer. And I don't know what I would do with myself.

Lacey won't be there, and I'd be living in a suburban area. I have no idea how I'd learn the culture without the structure only a school can provide. Lacey says school isn't a true experience, and I should just show up in France and decide as I go. We have reached an impasse, and I'd like to know what you would do in my shoes.

TRES TROUBLEE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR TRES TROUBLEE: Are you kidding? If I was offered a once-in-a-lifetime experience like this one, I'd take Lacey up on it in two seconds flat. And I'd keep a journal.

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DEAR ABBY: I work in a candy store where things are pretty fast-paced and always busy. Please tell me how I should handle customers at the register—mothers and daughters, couples, friends—who fight over who should pay for the order. Two people will wave their cash at me and tell me not to let the other one pay. They actually expect me to choose!

From whom should I take the money in these pairs of people? If the store wasn't constantly so busy, I'd let them squabble among themselves, but that's not the case. I need to get the line moving in order to help other customers. Please advise.

GIRL WITH A "SWEET" DILEMMA

DEAR GIRL: Handle it this way: Smile and say, "While you two are trying to decide, I'll help the next customer!"

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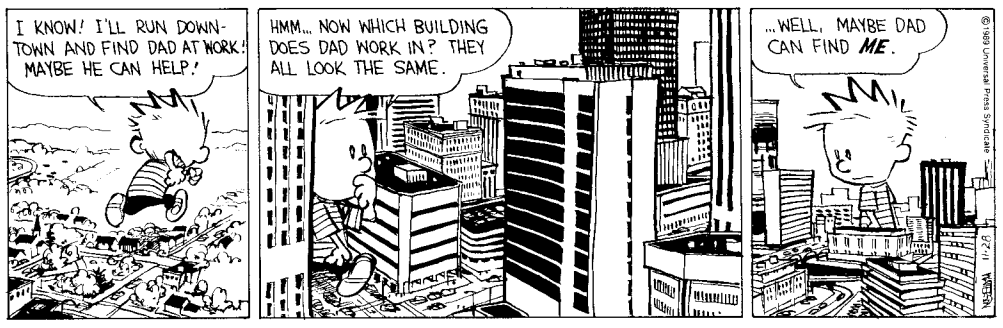
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


I KNOW! I'LL RUN DOWNTOWN AND FIND DAD AT WORK! MAYBE HE CAN HELP!
HMM... NOW WHICH BUILDING DOES DAD WORK IN? THEY ALL LOOK THE SAME.
...WELL, MAYBE DAD CAN FIND ME.
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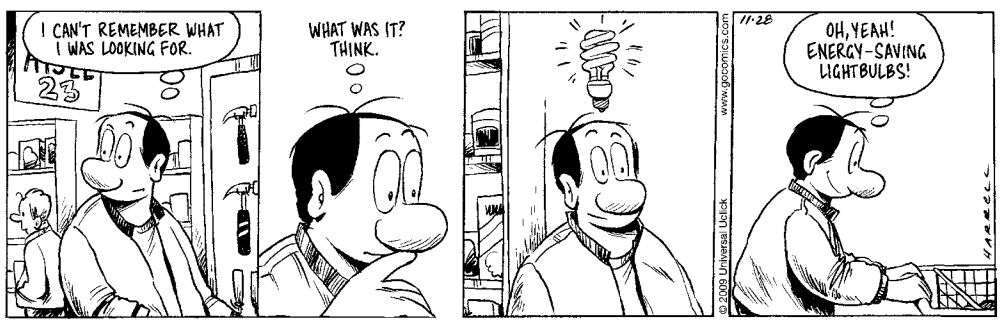

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

Hey, Don't You KNOW HOW TO MAKE A MARTINI? I ASKED FOR THIS "EXTRA DIRTY"!
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CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Turn on the waterworks
4 Bridge coup
8 Lummox
12 Weeding tool
13 Doves' home
14 Four-star review
15 — Today
16 Leeway
17 Squared
18 Chickpeas
21 Chances, briefly
22 Annoy
23 Lustrous fiber
26 Monastery address
27 TV alien
30 Not merely impish
31 "Mayday!"
32 Vivacity, to Vivaldi
33 Foundation
34 "Kid-tested" cereal
35 Fight
36 Crib
37 Resort
38 Sanitation fleet
45 On the briny
46 Waikiki wingding
47 Pismire
48 Test tube
49 Ms. Brockovich
50 Old French coin
51 Count counterpart
52 Medley portion
53 Recede

DOWN

1 Drink all at once
2 Parks or Bonheur
3 Calendar quota
4 Predicament
5 Crazy birds
6 The gamut
7 Life stories
8 River tributary, often
9 Volcanic outflow
10 Microwave, for one
11 Lairs
19 Seethe
20 Lingerie item
23 CSA soldier
24 Rd.
25 "— pleasures and palaces though we may roam"
26 Home of "Glee"
27 Illustrations
28 Illuminated
29 Egg-yung link
31 Form of tennis
32 Suitor
34 Sedona maker
35 Arose (from)
36 "Hoops"
37 Cleaner's concern
38 Donated
39 Largest of the seven
40 Posterior
41 Mark's replacement?
42 Docket entry
43 Handle
44 Movie-goer's memento

Solution time: 27 mins.

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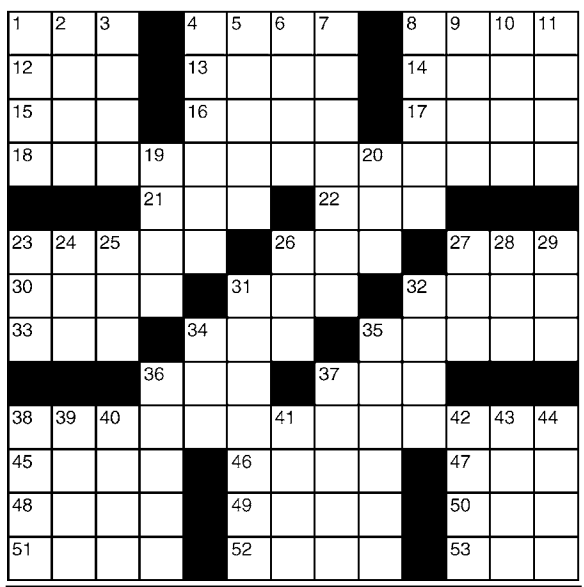

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Scarlett Pomers, 21; Jon Stewart, 47; Judd Nelson, 50; Ed Harris, 59

Happy Birthday: You will set the stage and direct what plays out this year. This is not the time to reevaluate but rather to push forward. Changes at home and to your personal life must be put into play in order to stabilize your position in the future. Home improvements, financial gains and being true to yourself are what it is all about this year. Your numbers are 7, 13, 16, 20, 25, 34, 41

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Shopping will lead to some excellent buys for gifts. A settlement or debt can be expected. Your luck is changing and the chance to get involved in an interesting pastime will lead to a good friendship. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Tie up any costly, unfinished business by the end of the year. An investment you've been watching will lead to financial gains if you act now. Visit someone you respect who could use your assistance. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Challenge anyone who stands in your way. Use your knowledge and intelligence and you will get the upper hand regarding changes you want made at home and at work. An interesting proposition will give you something to think about. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): If you let your emotions take over, you will not get your way. Don't keep changing your mind or you will make any competition you face look good. Put yourself on the line if you want to get ahead. ✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Plan an adventure or at least a trip back to places you enjoy. Getting together with old friends and discussing plans for the new year will help you know what you can expect. Make sure that, if you get involved in a partnership, both of you are offering equally. ✪✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Do whatever it takes to stabilize and secure your future. Talk to the people you know you can rely on, but don't give away too much information. Listen, observe and reassess your situation. Get your personal paperwork in order. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Have a little fun, get out with friends or colleagues and you will meet someone who interests you. A new partnership will get you thinking about an adventure you'd like to take part in. Get involved in a benefit or community service you believe in. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): There are changes coming your way, allowing you greater creative freedom and the help you need to finish a project. Talk about your plans to someone interested in what you have to offer. There is money heading your way. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Decorating or making a physical move from one place to another will pay off. There is money to be made and the possibility of coming into cash or a very nice gift is likely. Don't sell yourself short. ✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Take your time. You don't have to give someone an answer just because you are asked. Added responsibilities are likely to develop due to older family members. Emotional matters will escalate. ✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Don't stop now because someone you are emotionally attached to is trying to stifle your progress. Jealousy is apparent. A partnership that is far better for you is heading your way. Don't settle for second best. ✪✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): It's not the best time to form partnerships but, if you can build a tangible concept into something worthwhile, you will get interest from someone looking for a good idea or plan. Get whatever you discuss in writing. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are aggressive, popular and willing to go the distance. You are a good friend, a loyal companion and a crusader of good causes.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 11/28

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

THE KEY TO MY WIFE'S HEART **Solution: 7 letters**

N	C	R	E	T	F	I	G	S	R	E	W	O	L	F
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Yesterday's Answer: Moonroof

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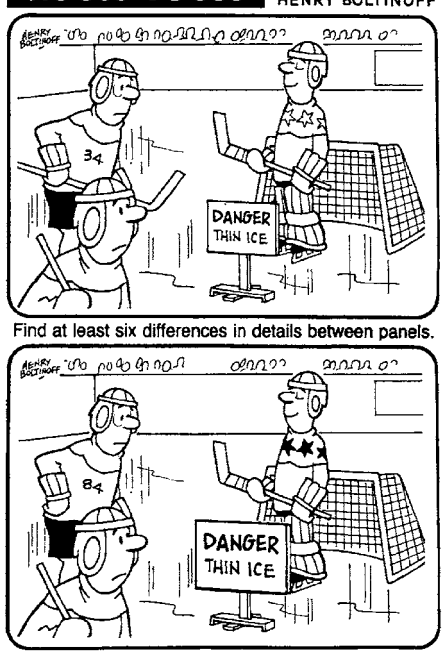

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1 Korean car
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11 Pecs' partners
14 Monk's title
17 TV's "— Living"
19 Therefore
20 What's left
22 Actor Ayres
23 Meryl Streep film
26 Indeed
27 Driving hazard
28 Lamented
29 UN figure
30 Exploit
31 Holy —
34 Peel's partner
37 Danish port
39 "— Lisa"
41 See 118 Down
43 Safecracker
44 Kedrova of "Torn Curtain"
48 Jane Fonda film
53 Zenith's opposite
56 What i.e. stands for
58 Napa business
59 Actor McGregor
61 Smeltery stuff
62 Seat cover?
64 Construction material
65 Stubbs or Strauss
66 Certain cyst
67 Reject
68 Humorist George
69 Marner or Lapham
70 Vane letters
71 Acquire
73 Joe Don Baker film
77 Prepare prunes
78 Stocking mishap
79 Contradict
80 Anaconda, for one
81 Conductor Klemperer
83 — foo yung
84 Cain's nephew
85 Diva Nellie
87 Like some escapes
90 Sushi candidate
91 Be bombastic
92 Threat words
94 Augusta's state
95 Texas talk
97 Bing Crosby film
100 "Norwegian —" ('65 song)
101 Jib, e.g.
103 "Unforgettable" name
104 Bogosian or Stoltz
106 Geological feature
108 Sherpa site
112 Meager
116 Explorer Tasman
117 "Platoon" extras
120 Neighbor of Can.
122 Falsetto Frankie
124 "— deal!"
125 Sean Penn film
130 Mrs. Morgenstern
131 Repeat
132 Banish bacteria
133 "The Rape of the Lock" poet
134 — Peres, MO
135 Deity
136 Pea holder
137 Enjoy Elvis
138 Dispenser contents

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3 Ed of "JFK"
4 Marsh
5 Part of NATO
6 Gelatin substitute
7 Yoga position
8 Uncouth
9 Tighten the tent
10 Gray matter?
11 Singing Ant
12 Diner employee
13 Where the gulls are
14 Fred Astaire film
15 Staggers
16 Vigilant
18 Served well
21 — nutshell
24 Article
25 Permit
30 Word form for "great"
32 Mythical bird
33 Chilly powder?
35 Alcohol base
36 "— volente"
38 He's a menace
40 Author Martin
42 Aviatrix Earhart
44 Cover
45 Palindromic dictator
46 Nicolas Cage film
47 Colorado resort
49 Entry point
50 "— say more?"
51 Baseball's "Hammerin' Hank"
52 Tom of "State Fair"
54 Worth or Dunne
55 Extend a subscription
57 — offensive
60 Arthurian island
63 Mrs. Ivanhoe
69 In a reliable manner
71 Midas' sin
72 Boring thing
74 "— Comes Mary" ('66 song)
75 Heavyweight Sonny
76 Yiddish automaton
77 "— Dogs" ('71 film)
79 "Cabaret" setting
82 Scottish cap
85 — Carlo
86 "— forgive those . . ."
88 Yoko —
89 Tie the knot
93 Head set?
96 Keen
98 Bannen or Ballantine
99 Puppy bark
102 Smoothly, to Schubert
105 Spelunker's spot
106 Beyond zealous
107 Stomach
109 Manhandled
110 Campbell of UB40
111 Gate feature
113 Interstate exit
114 Cutter kin
115 Rush to the judge
118 With 41 Across, summer quencher
119 Officer's appellation
121 Andrew of "Melrose Place"
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127 Former Pontiac model
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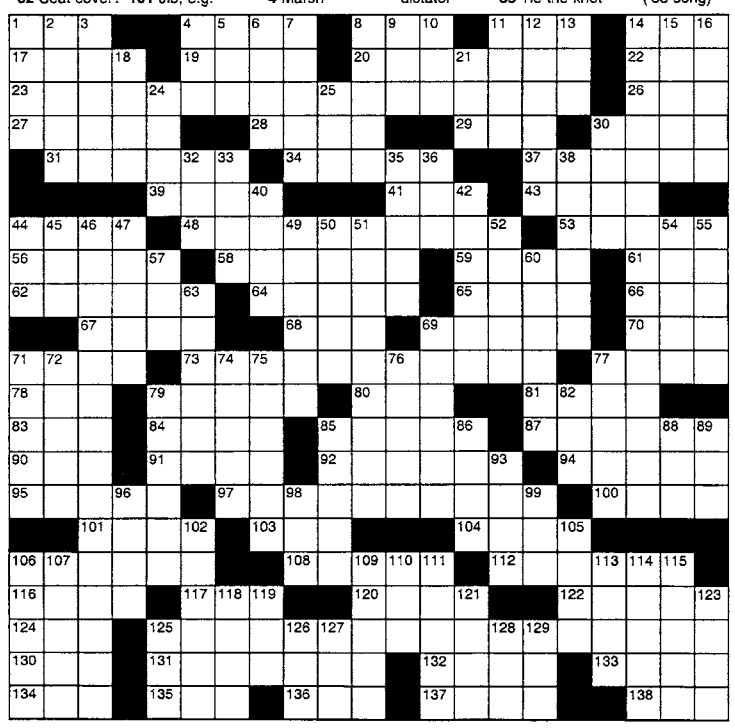

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3. FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: Who once said, "Man is by nature a political animal"?
4. MOVIES: What famous 1960s movie featured the character Benjamin Braddock?
5. COLLEGE TEAMS: What is the nickname for the University of Minnesota sports teams?
6. TELEVISION: What kind of pets did Bert own on the children's show "Sesame Street"?
7. FOOD & DRINK: What kind of vegetables are known as capsicums?
8. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Who was the founder of the Salvation Army?
9. AD SLOGANS: What brand of detergent touted its effectiveness against "ring around the collar"?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How many quills does an adult porcupine have?

Answers
1. Southern Alaska
2. kidneys
3. Aristotle
4. "The Graduate"
5. Golden Gophers
6. goldfish
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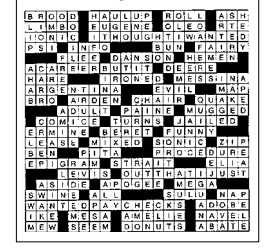

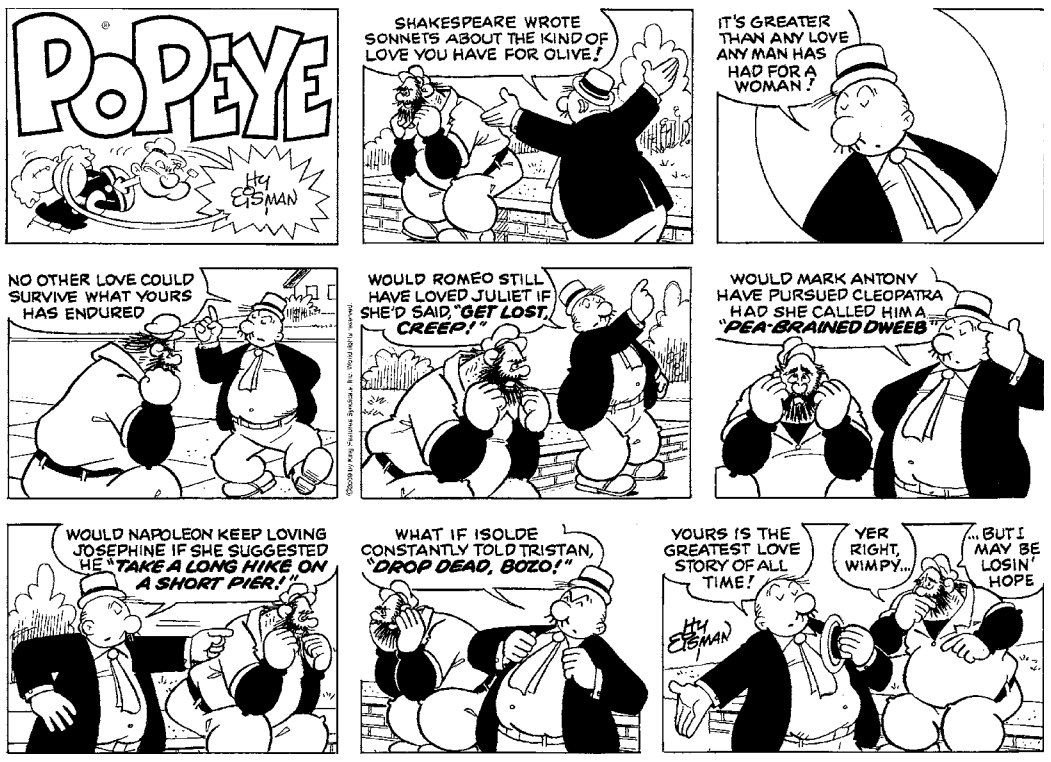
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HEY OLIVE OYL
SHAKESPEARE WROTE SONNETS ABOUT THE KIND OF LOVE YOU HAVE FOR OLIVE!
IT'S GREATER THAN ANY LOVE ANY MAN HAS HAD FOR A WOMAN!
NO OTHER LOVE COULD SURVIVE WHAT YOURS HAS ENDURED
WOULD ROMEO STILL HAVE LOVED JULIET IF SHE'D SAID, "GET LOST, CREEP!"
WOULD MARK ANTONY HAVE PURSUED CLEOPATRA HAD SHE CALLED HIM A "PEA-BRAINED DWEEB"
WOULD NAPOLEON KEEP LOVING JOSEPHINE IF SHE SUGGESTED HE "TAKE A LONG HIKE ON A SHORT PIER!"
WHAT IF ISOLDE CONSTANTLY TOLD TRISTAN, "DROP DEAD, BOZO!"
YOURS IS THE GREATEST LOVE STORY OF ALL TIME!
YER RIGHT, WIMPY...
...BUT I MAY BE LOSIN' HOPE

Amber Waves

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HEY DAD, HOW ABOUT WE SKIP SHOVELING THE SIDEWALK AND HAVE FUN?
LOOK AT IT THIS WAY, EVENTUALLY ALL THAT SNOW WILL MELT.
I GOTTA LEARN TO SPEAK "GROWN UP".

The Spats

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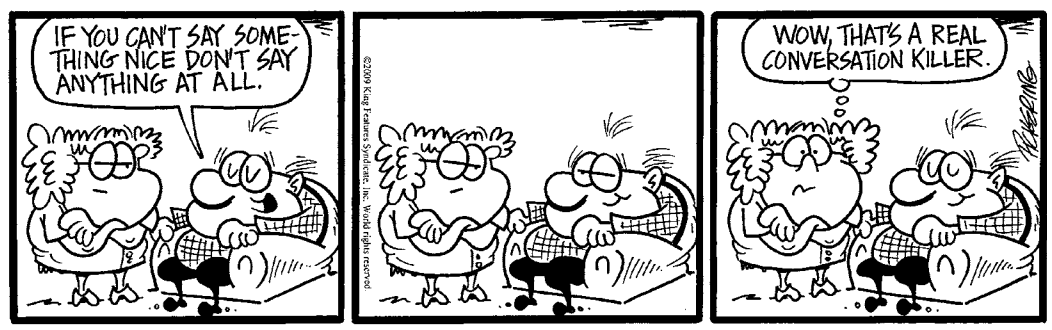

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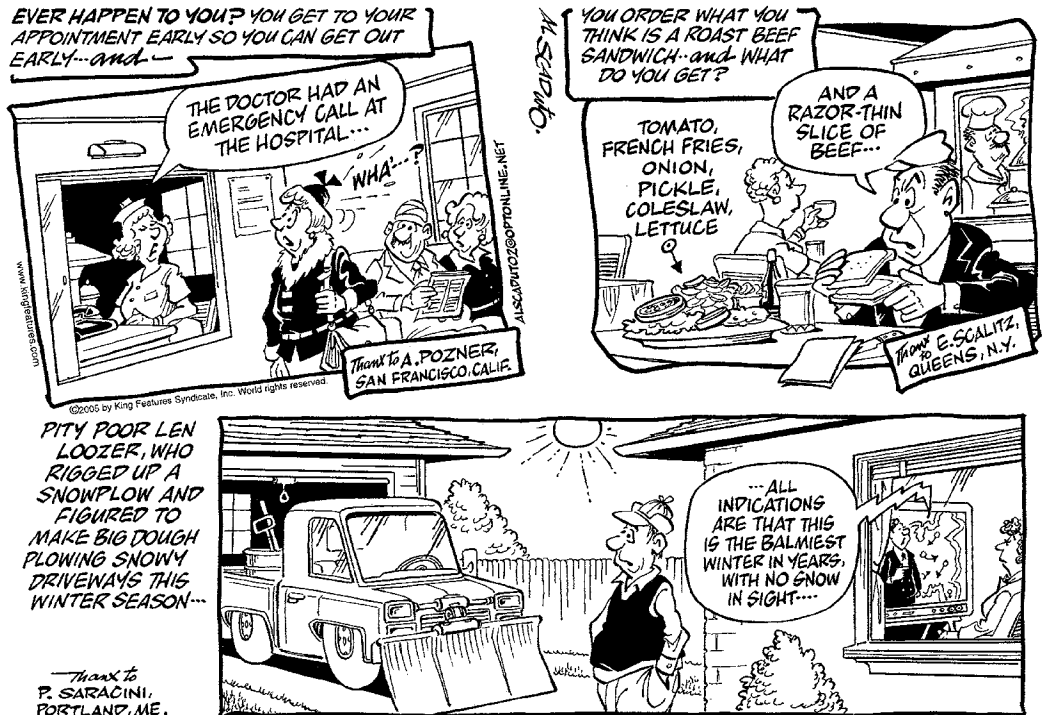
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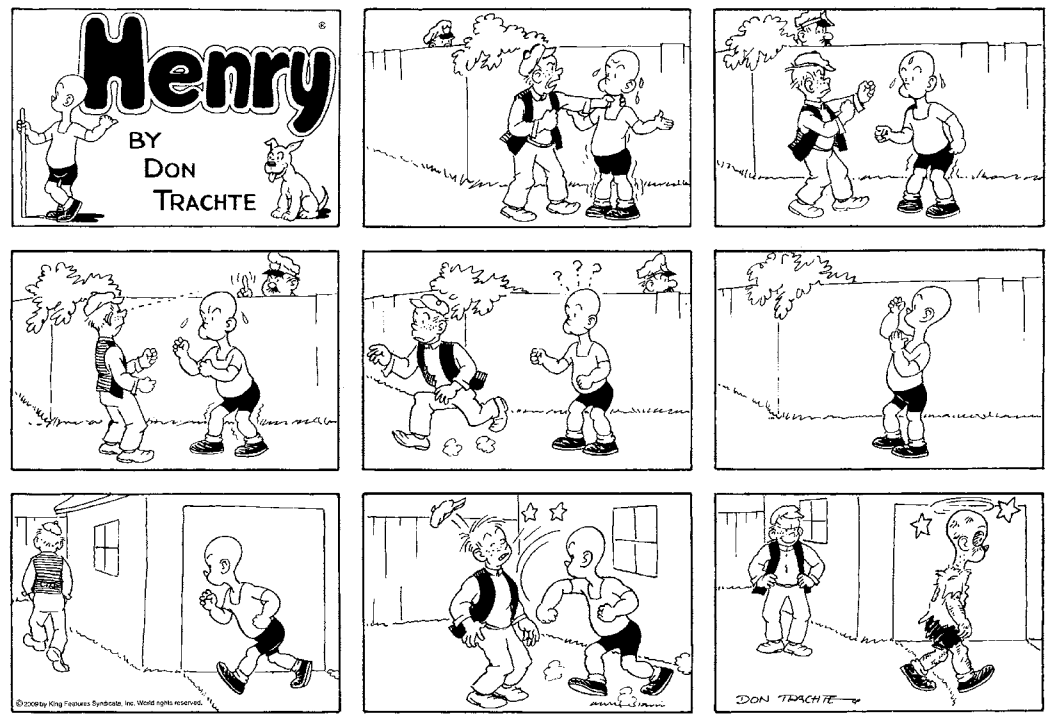
Thanx to P. SARACINI, PORTLAND, ME.



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Broncos end four-game skid with win over Giants

DENVER (AP)—The Denver Broncos still have their troubles with the red zone and yellow flags. The dark cloud that hung over them during their month of misery, though, is gone.

Kyle Orton drove them on six scoring drives, Matt Prater kicked four field goals and safety Brian Dawkins led a ferocious defense 48 hours after calling a players-only meeting, and the Broncos beat the New York Giants 26-6 Thursday night.

Elvis Dumervil dumped Eli Manning twice, extending his NFL-leading sack total to 14. Dumervil's second one came in the fourth quarter and resulted in a fumble that sealed Denver's first win since Oct. 19.

Hosting their first Thanksgiving game since 1963 in the AFL, the Broncos returned to the physical style of play that marked their 6-0 start and ditched the sieve that was their defense during their four-game skid.

Behind three takeaways, the Broncos (7-4) halted their freefall and pulled within a half game of AFC West leader San Diego. New York (6-5), which snapped its four-game losing streak on Sunday, fell two games behind Dallas, which beat Oakland earlier Thursday, in the NFC East.

The Broncos outgained the Giants 213-38 in the first half but settled for field goals on three drives, including their first two trips inside the Giants 10-yard line as they continued their monthlong red zone struggles.

That led to an embarrassing mistake by the NFL Network, which accidentally aired a profanity from Broncos coach Josh McDaniels.

After reaching the 7, the Broncos settled for Prater's 22-yarder and a 3-0 lead.

Their second trip inside the Giants 10-yard line turned into a game of flag football as tight end Daniel Graham, left tackle Ryan Clady and center Casey Wiegmann all were whistled for false starts, and the Broncos sent out Prater for a 32-yarder that made it 6-0.

Coming out of a commercial break following that second field goal, the NFL Network showed a clip of McDaniels yelling at his players on the sideline saying, "All we're trying to do is win a (expletive) game!"

AP

Denver Broncos quarterback Kyle Orton, left, looks to pass during the first quarter of an NFL football game against the New York Giants in Denver, Thursday, Nov. 26, 2009.

The vulgarity was clearly audible to viewers, and announcer Bob Papa immediately apologized to viewers.

In an interview with The Associated Press and the Denver Post, Eric Weinberger, executive producer of the NFL Network, apologized to viewers and McDaniels for the "terrible mistake."

"It was on delay. We wish we would have caught it and bleeped it," Weinberger said. "We apologize for ever airing anything like that, absolutely, especially on Thanksgiving."

Weinberger added, "Everyone (watching on TV) thought it was live because it was in live speed and it looked live. It came out of the truck. Honestly, we would never go live and raise audio levels on anyone live. On the sidelines, we would never do that. We came out of break and rolled it. It's a mistake. We are sorry."

"It's the NFL Network," McDaniels said with a shrug and a smile. "Doesn't surprise me."

McDaniels has shown emotion on the sideline before. He often tells his players and assistants to listen to the message and not the way it's delivered. He'll fist-up like Tiger Woods one game and curse to his guys the next.

"We're not in this business to do that," Weinberger said of the network's blunder. "We're in this business to show sports and to show the most emotion that we can show. And the guy is an incredibly emotional, passionate guy."

Denver finally capitalized on its good field position after Dawkins recovered a fumble by backup running back Danny Ware, who was playing because Ahmad Bradshaw was inactive with a foot injury, at the Giants 38.

Brandon Marshall's leaping one-handed 28-yard catch set up Knowshon Moreno's 1-yard TD run that made it 13-0, and Prater added a 47-yarder to give the Broncos a 16-0 halftime lead.

The last time the Giants had gone into the locker room at halftime without any points was Jan. 8, 2006, in a wild-card playoff game against Carolina.

Lawrence Tynes kicked field goals of 39 and 52 yards in the third quarter to pull the Giants to 16-6, but Brandon Stokley's 17-yard TD catch from Orton made it 23-6 and Prater added a 24-yard field goal.

"We didn't have any tempo and we didn't make any plays," Giants coach Tom Coughlin said. "We keep talking about winning the physical battle and controlling the line of scrimmage. We thought this would be the night and it wasn't."

Moreno ran for 88 yards on 19 carries and would have had 34 more yards were it not for holding calls against the usually dependable Graham.

While some of the frustrations and faults linger—they committed eight penalties Thursday night—the Broncos, who entered November without a loss, saw to it that they didn't exit the month without a win.

Giants running back Brandon Jacobs said he wasn't worried after the team's fifth loss in six games.

"No, we've got a lot of talent and we know at some point it's going to pick up," he said. "We've got to really get our engine going for the next couple of weeks."

Packers 34, Lions 12

At Detroit, Aaron Rodgers matched a career high with three touchdown passes as Green Bay beat the Detroit Lions to give the Packers three straight wins and improve their playoff prospects.

The Lions lost their sixth straight game on Thanksgiving, setting a franchise record, and had an emotional setback after their biggest comeback win since 1957.

Matthew Stafford, playing with a sore non-throwing shoulder, threw one touchdown pass and four interceptions in a rookie-like performance, after passing for five scores in Sunday's win over Cleveland. Detroit trailed the Browns by 21 before coming all the way back.

The Lions looked as if they were building off that momentum by recovering a fumble on the opening kickoff and with Stafford's TD pass to Calvin Johnson. But the Packers scored 27 unanswered points in the second and third quarter to turn the game into a familiar rout.

Cowboys 24, Raiders 7

At Arlington, Texas, Tony Romo snapped the Dallas Cowboys from their offensive slumber by leading them to a season-high 494 yards, with Miles Austin delivering 145 yards and a touchdown.

By winning for the sixth time in seven games, Dallas is guaranteed of going into the final month of the season atop the NFC East.

Oakland and its new starting quarterback, Bruce Gradkowski, were coming off a victory over division-leading Cincinnati just a few days before, but couldn't even cross midfield in the first half. The Raiders' lone highlight was top draft pick Darrius Heyward-Bey making the first touchdown catch of his career.

Latest concussion doesn't worry Roethlisberger

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Ben Roethlisberger played one of the worst games of his NFL career one week after sustaining a concussion in 2006. He is days removed from his fourth concussion in four years, an uncommonly high number even for an NFL player.

Regardless, the Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback is going through "a normal week" of preparation for a pivotal game at Baltimore on Sunday night and has every intention of playing.

"It's part of the nature of the beast of playing this game. It's a violent, physical contact sport and there's a chance you're going to get hit," Roethlisberger said Thursday. "You guys don't talk about the bruises we have all over our body. If I showed you a bruise on my shoulder and a bruise on my shin, it wouldn't get talked about as much. It's a violent sport we play."

Roethlisberger, who is having his best season statistically despite the Steelers' erratic play, is evidence of that.

The two-time Super Bowl-winning quarterback's latest concussion occurred when his head accidentally struck the knee of Chiefs linebacker Derrick Johnson while he was being tackled during Pittsburgh's 27-24 overtime loss Sunday.

The play was subsequently wiped out by a holding call.

"It just kind of felt like I got hit pretty hard. Kind of said, 'Let me catch my breath real quick,' and by that time the trainers were out there, so I didn't get a chance to get up," Roethlisberger said.

The concussion was his second resulting from a hard hit in 12 months; he also was hurt during an unimportant end-of-season game against Cleveland on Dec. 28. A third concussion occurred in Atlanta in 2006, only four months after a motorcycle crash in which he wasn't wearing a helmet left him with a concussion and numerous other injuries.

There is evidence of a cumulative effect on players who receive multiple concussions. In 2005, Kevin Guskiewicz of the University of North Carolina published a study of retired pro football players that determined players who had three or more concussions had a heightened risk of mild cognitive impairment after age 50.

Despite that, the NFL's most-sacked quarterback since 2004 isn't concerned about returning so soon because Steelers players must pass post-concussion tests before they can play again. The tests, developed by doctors and researchers based in the same sports medicine complex where the Steelers train, measure a player's memory, reaction and attention span before and after a concussion.

"I'm not worried because we have the best doctors," Roethlisberger said after going through his second full practice of the week. "If I can go out and pass thousands of these tests and show that I'm fine, then I'm not worried about it."

Both of last season's Super Bowl quarterbacks plan to play a week after getting concussions - Kurt Warner of Arizona does, too. Only this week, NFL commissioner Roger Goodell informed teams he is examining potential rule changes to reduce head impacts.

The league also plans to urge players to wear the most technologically advanced helmets, something Roethlisberger has balked at doing in the past.

The last time Roethlisberger played so soon after getting a concussion, he threw four interceptions—two returned for touchdowns—during a 20-13 loss to Oakland in 2006. He appeared to anticipate sacks several times, ducking before pass rushers arrived. Former coach Bill Cowher blamed the interceptions on poor judgment, not the concussion or any hesitancy.

With the Steelers (6-4) a game behind the Bengals (7-3) in the AFC North but effectively trailing by two games with six to play because of the tiebreaker, Roethlisberger no doubt feels an urgency to play Sunday. It's also an important game for the Ravens (5-5), who might be playing for their season.

Roethlisberger probably could have picked an easier week to return, given that the Steelers-Ravens rivalry is one the NFL's most physical. Last season, the Steelers lost running back Rashard Mendenhall and guard Kendall Simmons to season-ending injuries in the first of their three games against Baltimore.

"This has been a rivalry that's been heated and well-coached, well-played since I've been here, so it's going to be no different on Sunday," said Roethlisberger, who ranks fourth with 2,867 yards passing and third with a 68.9 completion percentage.

Roethlisberger also is third with 29 sacks, and his 221 sacks since 2004 easily lead all players. Except for the Rams' Marc Bulger (205 sacks), no other quarterback is within 47 sacks.

That's a lot of cumulative wear and tear on any player, even one as relatively young as the 27-year-old Roethlisberger. Not surprisingly, the Steelers anticipate Baltimore bringing considerable pressure, despite the fact the Ravens rank only 17th with 21 sacks.

"It's the same old Baltimore, it's the same story. Everybody wants to hit the quarterback," left tackle Max Starks said. "It's our job to keep him as clean as possible and have time to make throws."

Boozer leads Jazz over Bulls, 105-86

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Carlos Boozer scored 28 points on 12-for-14 shooting and the Utah Jazz beat the slumping Chicago Bulls 105-86 on Thursday night.

Boozer also had eight rebounds, five assists and three blocks to help the Jazz improve to 8-7 and end a three-game losing streak to the Bulls.

Deron Williams had 21 points and six assists for the Jazz, who blew open the game by making 10 of their first 11 shots in the fourth quarter.

Luol Deng had 26 points and eight rebounds for Chicago, and Derrick Rose had 19 points. The Bulls have lost four straight.

James Johnson was the only Chicago player other than Rose and Deng to score in double figures, finishing with 10.

The Bulls fell to 1-4 on a six-game trip, which ends Monday night in Milwaukee.

Chicago couldn't stop Utah inside, where the Bulls were outscored 62-42, or cool off the Jazz's shooting. Utah finished 45 for 74 from the floor—a better percentage (61) than the Jazz had from the foul line, where they went 13 for 23. Utah also had 29 assists to Chicago's 14 and finished with a season-high eight blocks.

Mehmet Okur scored 14 points, Ronnie Brewer had 15 points and six assists, and Paul Millsap finished with 12 points and nine rebounds for the Jazz.

Utah had much more energy than two nights before when the Jazz were booed repeatedly in a loss at home to Oklahoma City. The Jazz had 24 turnovers in that game and cut that total to 14 against the Bulls.

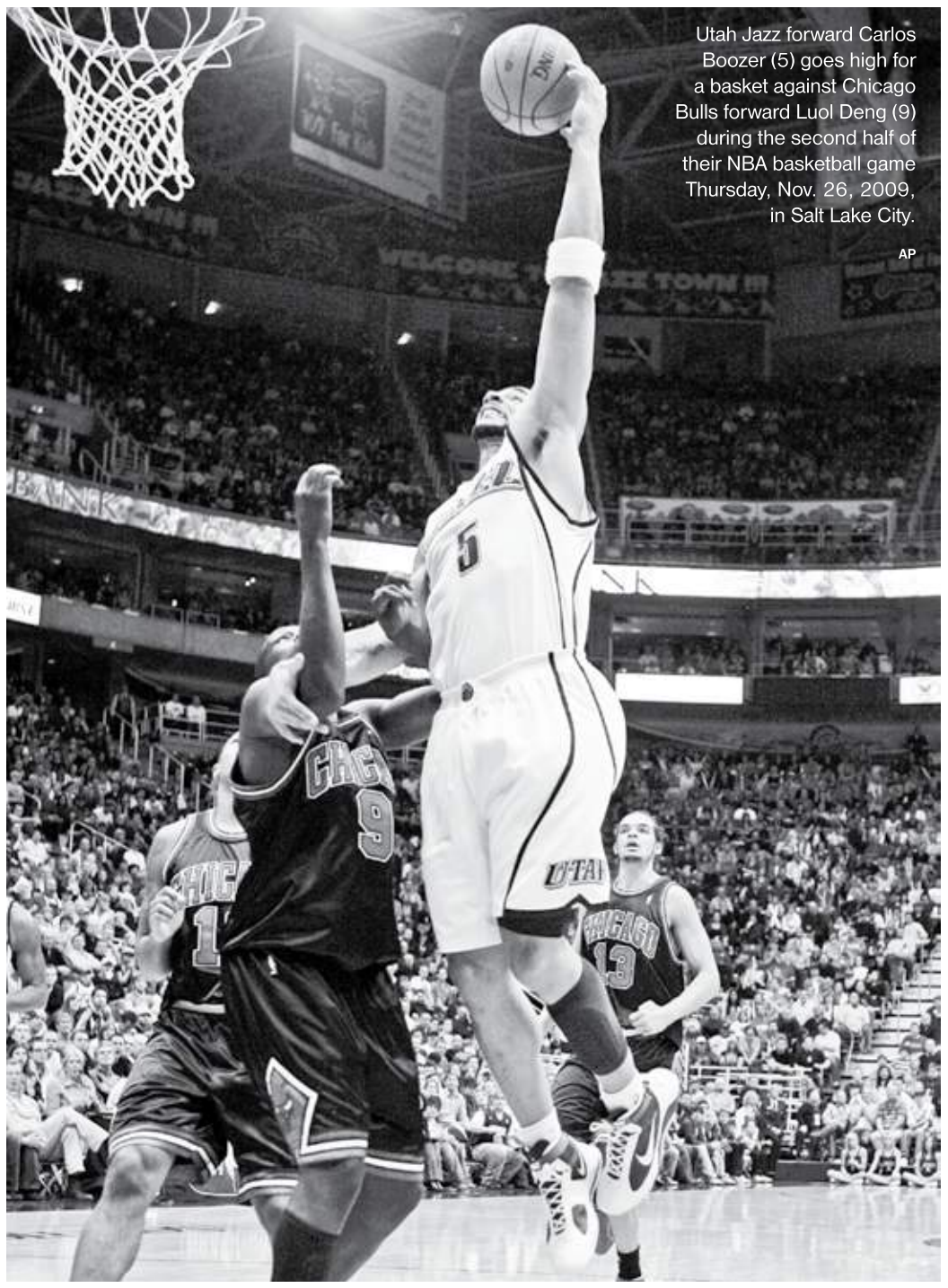
Utah led 81-65 at the end of the third and opened the fourth on a 10-3 run, taking an 87-68 lead on an alley-oop from Williams to Brewer with 10:43 left to play. Chicago called time out, but couldn't score and Williams followed with a jumper from the top of the key and Kirilenko drove the baseline for a dunk that put the Jazz up 91-68

The Jazz made 10 of their first 11 shots in the period and continued to play pesky defense the rest of the way.

Chicago had made a few runs in the third quarter, but none went very long. After the Bulls got within 62-50 on Salmons' three-point play with 8:37 left in the third, the Jazz answered with six straight. Boozer made a layup, Brewer hit a free throw and then Okur hit a 3-pointer that put the Jazz up 68-50 with 6:59 left in the third and the Bulls called a time out.

Chicago cut it back to 14, but Boozer spun free on a pick and roll and made a one-handed dunk while drawing a foul. He hit the free throw to put Utah up 71-54, then Millsap blocked Rose at the other end to start a fast break that Wesley Matthews finished with a dunk and Utah led by 19.

Boozer was 7 for 7 in the first half for 16 points, and with six rebounds and five assists, including a pass to Brewer for a power dunk with 3.6 seconds left that gave the Jazz a 57-40 halftime lead.



Utah Jazz forward Carlos Boozer (5) goes high for a basket against Chicago Bulls forward Luol Deng (9) during the second half of their NBA basketball game Thursday, Nov. 26, 2009, in Salt Lake City.

AP

Magic 93, Hawks 76

At Atlanta, Dwight Howard had 22 points and 17 rebounds, Vince Carter added 21 points and the Orlando Magic beat the Atlanta Hawks.

The Hawks, attempting to tie Phoenix for the NBA's best record, dropped to 11-4. They missed a chance to improve to 8-0 at home for the first time since 1993-94.

Orlando wiped away the disappointment of a one-point home loss to Miami on Wednesday night with its sixth win in seven games.

Atlanta, which has dropped two straight following a seven-game winning, blew a 14-point lead after Joe Johnson banked in a jumper to begin the third quarter.

The Magic went on a 25-10 run that ended with Carter's three-point play and a 64-63 advantage with 2:09 left in the third.

Johnson finished with 22 points for the Hawks, a half-game behind Orlando for the Eastern Conference and Southeast Division lead.

Atlanta's half-court offense fell into a deep funk after Marvin Williams hit an 18-footer to give the Hawks a 57-44 lead with 10:26 left in the third.

Over its next 34 possessions, Atlanta managed just six field goals.

Reserve guard Anthony Johnson, who averaged 1.6 points over his first 20 games this season, scored 17 points in 21 minutes. His 3-pointer with 6:58 remaining gave the Magic their first double-digit lead of the game at 79-69.

Howard's dunk with 2:25 left put Orlando ahead 87-73.

Josh Smith was the Hawks' second-leading scorer with 13 points.

NBA BRIEFS

Sixers guard Lou Williams out eight weeks

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Philadelphia 76ers guard Lou Williams will miss eight weeks after having surgery on his jaw Thursday morning. Williams broke his jaw in Philadelphia's loss to Washington on Tuesday night. His averages of 17.4 points and 5.1 assists are second-highest on the team behind Andre Iguodala. Rookie Jrue Holiday started at point guard in place of Williams against Boston in a 113-110 loss on Wednesday.

Injury-ravaged Thunder ink veteran guard Wilks

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—The Oklahoma City Thunder has signed veteran guard Mike Wilks after a spate of injuries to the team's other guards. Oklahoma City General Manager Sam Presti announced Wilks' signing on Thursday. The Thunder's two backup point guards, Shaun Livingston and Kevin Ollie, are sidelined by knee injuries, and another guard, Kyle Weaver, suffered a shoulder injury Wednesday during a practice. Wilks has played for eight different NBA teams in six seasons but hasn't appeared in a regular-season game since the 2007-08 season, when he played in three games for the Seattle SuperSonics, who later moved to Oklahoma City and became the Thunder. He has career averages of 2.5 points and 1.2 assist per game.

Shaq pays for funeral of NC girl

FAYETTEVILLE, North Carolina (AP)—Basketball star Shaquille O'Neal has paid for the funeral of a 5-year-old North Carolina girl whose kidnapping and slaying received national news coverage. The Fayetteville Observer in North Carolina reported Thursday that the Cleveland Cavaliers player was touched by the case of Shaniya Davis. More than 2,000 people attended her funeral Sunday. The girl's body was found Nov. 16 beside a rural road. Her mother, Antionette Davis, is charged with human trafficking and child abuse involving prostitution. Mario McNeill is charged with murder, rape and kidnapping. The funeral home declined to say what the service cost. A Cavaliers official did not return calls from The Associated Press early Thursday. The funeral home declined comment.

Kings: NBA says former team employee gambled

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—The Sacramento Kings said they were informed by the NBA that a former employee gambled while on their staff. Jack Mai, the team's former assistant director of scouting, was found to have gambled while with the Kings, who fired him in January. Last season was his eighth with the franchise and third as assistant director of scouting. Kings owner Joe Maloof said the team fired Mai as soon as it found out through general manager Geoff Petrie that Mai had been wagering. "I wasn't aware that he was betting. But the minute we found out he was doing something wrong we had to let him go," Maloof said Wednesday. "People should know that you are not allowed to bet on NBA games. It's against the bylaws, it's against the rules." A news release from the Kings said the "investigation revealed that Mr. Mai participated in improper wagering activities while a member of this organization." The Kings said Mai had been disqualified from further association with the NBA and its teams. NBA spokesman Tim Frank confirmed Mai's disqualification and said reinstatement was not possible, but said the league would have no other comment. The league has taken gambling especially seriously since former referee Tim Donaghy admitted taking thousands of dollars from a professional gambler in exchange for inside tips, including games he worked.

Report: Longtime Yankees voice Sheppard retiring

NEW YORK (AP)—Bob Sheppard has no intentions of returning to his longtime job as the public address announcer at Yankee Stadium, MLB.com reported Thursday.

Sheppard, who is 99, hasn't worked a game since late in the 2007 season due to illness.

"I have no plans of coming back," Sheppard told the Web site in a telephone interview. "Time has passed me by, I think. I had a good run for it. I enjoyed doing what I did. I don't think, at my age, I'm going to suddenly regain the stamina that is really needed if you do the job and do it well."

When contacted by The Associated Press, Yankees spokesman Jason Zillo said the team had no announcement or comment at this time.

Famous for his distinct and resonant tones, Sheppard became the PA announcer at the old Yankee Stadium in 1951. Decades later, Reggie Jackson gave him the nickname "The Voice of God."

Sheppard has called out names from Joe DiMaggio to Mickey Mantle to Derek Jeter over the years. For the final game at the old park in 2008, he recorded a greeting to fans and the introduction of New York's starting lineup.

Paul Olden took over as the public address announcer at the new Yankee Stadium this year in Sheppard's absence. Jim Hall, a longtime backup, filled in for Sheppard late in 2007 and last year.

But when Jeter steps to the plate, it's still a recording of Sheppard's voice that rings out: "Now batting for the Yankees, No. 2, Deh-rick Jee-tuh."

Sheppard told MLB.com that he doubts "very, very much" that he'll be able to resume his duties for even one game next season.

"It's not just the two hours or three hours of baseball," he said. "It's the trip, the preparation, the trip home, and a long, long day. I think at my age, it's time to accept the fact that I had a great run. A great run. And I only made a few mistakes along the way."

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	11	4	.733	–
Toronto	7	9	.438	4 1/2
Philadelphia	5	10	.333	6
New York	3	12	.200	8
New Jersey	0	15	.000	11

Southeast Division

Orlando	12	4	.750	–
Atlanta	11	4	.733	1/2
Miami	9	5	.643	2
Charlotte	5	9	.357	6
Washington	4	9	.308	6 1/2

Central Division

Cleveland	11	4	.733	–
Milwaukee	8	5	.615	2
Indiana	6	7	.462	4
Chicago	6	8	.429	4 1/2
Detroit	5	10	.333	6

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

Dallas	11	4	.733	–
San Antonio	7	6	.538	3
Houston	8	7	.533	3
New Orleans	7	9	.438	4 1/2
Memphis	5	10	.333	6

Northwest Division

Denver	11	4	.733	–
Portland	12	5	.706	–
Oklahoma City	8	7	.533	3
Utah	8	7	.533	3
Minnesota	1	14	.067	10

Pacific Division

Phoenix	12	3	.800	–
L.A. Lakers	11	3	.786	1/2
Sacramento	6	8	.429	5 1/2
L.A. Clippers	6	10	.375	6 1/2
Golden State	5	9	.357	6 1/2

Yesterday's Games
Orlando 93, Atlanta 76
Utah 105, Chicago 86

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	7	3	0	.700	290	164
Miami	5	5	0	.500	242	244
N.Y. Jets	4	6	0	.400	213	189
Buffalo	3	7	0	.300	155	228

South

Indianapolis	10	0	0	1.000	269	157
Jacksonville	6	4	0	.600	199	235
Houston	5	5	0	.500	232	208
Tennessee	4	6	0	.400	209	272

North

Cincinnati	7	3	0	.700	215	167
Pittsburgh	6	4	0	.600	231	184
Baltimore	5	5	0	.500	237	171
Cleveland	1	9	0	.100	115	263

West

San Diego	7	3	0	.700	269	205
Denver	7	4	0	.636	196	189
Kansas City	3	7	0	.300	169	239
Oakland	3	8	0	.273	115	258

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

Dallas	8	3	0	.727	255	182
Philadelphia	6	4	0	.600	266	204
N.Y. Giants	6	5	0	.545	272	261
Washington	3	7	0	.300	146	178

South

New Orleans	10	0	0	1.000	369	204
Atlanta	5	5	0	.500	252	228
Carolina	4	6	0	.400	193	239
Tampa Bay	1	9	0	.100	164	294

North

Minnesota	9	1	0	.900	306	193
Green Bay	7	4	0	.636	296	215
Chicago	4	6	0	.400	206	225
Detroit	2	9	0	.182	193	335

West

Arizona	7	3	0	.700	250	197
San Francisco	4	6	0	.400	208	210
Seattle	3	7	0	.300	196	233
St. Louis	1	9	0	.100	113	270

Yesterday's Games
Green Bay 34, Detroit 12
Dallas 24, Oakland 7
Denver 26, N.Y. Giants 6

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Joe Wabol completes RGA Cup cast

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Joe Wabol secured the last entry to the Refaluwasch Golf Association's club championship next month after winning the December Ace title.

Wabol was awarded the last monthly plum after his net score of 71 during the December Ace qualifier on Nov. 21 went unbeaten in Saturday's tournament at Coral Ocean Point.

Tom Tebuteb and Tars Olopai were the closest to eclipse Wabol's score when they fired identical net scores of 72 last weekend. Tebuteb defeated Olopai in the scorecard playoff on the front nine, hitting a 37 against the latter's 38 to top the weekend tournament and take the cash prize. Even if Olopai and Tebuteb beat Wabol's score, the eventual December Ace winner will still get a slot to the club championship, as the first two golfers had already won monthly plums.

Olopai notched the February Ace, while Tebuteb won the November Ace. They will join Wabol, Cui Xian Lai (January Ace), Asterio Tawanpiy (March), Ray Tigilau (April), Nick Sablan (May), Sonny Flores (June), Jay Choi (July), Jesse Seman (August), Joe Saures (September), and Ben Duenas (October) in the RGA Cup set for Dec. 6. Venue and check-in and tee-times will be announced later.

Wabol

Twelve RGA members, including Joe Wabol, tried to score better than 71 in the weekend tournament to catch the last trip to the club championship. They were Jess Wabol (net 74), Tony Rogolifoi (82), Ray Villagomez (77), Tebuteb (72), Joe Wabol (80), Dwayne Stephens (76), Saures (77), Olopai (72), Tigilau (83), Carl Hocog (80), Seman (74), and Choi (74).

In the closest to the pin contest, Tigilau won on hole No. 7, while Olopai prevailed on hole No. 14.

For more information about RGA tournaments, contact club president Jordon Kosam at 483-4506 or Jess Wabol at 288-1129.

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transitional worker program, however the order did not specify until when the suspension will be in effect and the federal government will still implement border control in the Commonwealth beginning today.

Tennis players feel impact

Next year, there are non-U.S. citizens/alien workers/nonresidents who are planning to compete in off-island tournaments, representing the CNMI. Among them are tennis' Ji Hoon Heo and Peter Loyola.

Heo was invited to be part of the Pacific Oceania Touring Team that will participate in tournaments in Australia and New Zealand. Heo, who had represented the CNMI in Junior ITF tournaments and regional events in the past years, was born in South Korea and does not hold any U.S. visa.

He went to Seoul early this month to begin the process of securing a visa, but he has yet to respond to *Saipan Tribune*'s inquiry regarding the status of his application.

"Without it (visa), under the new U.S. immigration rules, his junior career will come to an abrupt end. Similarly, many NMI athletes, both junior and adult, may face the disappointment of not being able to compete in the NPQ, POJC, OCJC, ITF events, and beyond tennis, the Micronesian Games, due to their inability to re-enter the NMI after competing," Race said.

Loyola, who is a tennis instructor with Loyola Sports, holds a B-1/B2 visa (tourist), which will only allow him to compete in Guam or possibly in Palau, but will not let him re-enter the CNMI to resume his work.

"It will have big impact on foreign athletes, who when competing in off-island tournaments are not representing their home country but the CNMI. I hope they can come out with a rule that will benefit all parties concerned and regulations that will help athletes like us to continue competing in off-island tournaments," said Loyola, who is among the players trying out for the CNMI tennis team that will participate in the 2010 Micronesian Games.

NMASA, others downplay negative effects

Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association president Michael White believes federal takeover will have a small impact on CNMI's involvement in off-island events.

"I'm not concerned about the effects of federalization on our participation in off-island athletic events. For the Pacific Games, it is already required that our athletes be U.S. citizens. There will probably be little if any effect on the 2010 Micronesian Games, as I understand the situation, arrangements are being made to allow CNMI entry permit holders to re-enter the Commonwealth with appropriate U.S. visas. The 2014 Micro Games are a long way away, and no one knows what will happen between now and then," White said.

Northern Mariana Islands Volleyball Association president Laurie Peterka shared White's sentiments.

"Presently, it doesn't seem that volleyball would be effected too much. While we have a couple of Canadians and our Peruvian coach Mili (Saiki), many of our better players are actually FSM (Federal States of Microensia) citizens or U.S. citizens. For the Micronesian Games, it is my understanding that so long as the FSM citizens were born in any of the Micronesian islands, and they've established residency here in the CNMI for three years, they can compete for the CNMI," Peterka said.

The Micronesian Games will be held from Aug. 1 to 10 in Palau.

Northern Mariana Islands Football Association is not sending a team in Palau as football is not included in the calendar of events. However, NMIFA has several off-island tournaments in the next two years and the association also believes the federal immigration and labor laws will have little effect or no impact at all to them. Majority of NMIFA's players are U.S. citizens, while it's current coach, Sugao Kambe, is from Japan.

"Coach Kambe is returning to Japan mid-December after he completes his one-year contract. Our new coach from Japan will have to come in under federal work visa sometimes early next year, so there will be no impact to NMIFA," NMIFA president Jerry Tan said.

Challenge to foreign athletes

Marianas Amateur Table Tennis Association is among those groups which had already expressed its intention to compete in next year's Micronesian Games. However, majority of MATTA's players are foreign workers.

"The imposition of federal immigration regulations on the people of the Northern Mariana Islands poses a challenge for all foreigners who represent the Northern Marianas as athletes, but who do not possess U.S. visas appropriate for their activities in the CNMI," MATTA president Steve Lim said.

Lim played for the CNMI in the 2006 Micronesian Games on Saipan and the Commonwealth won the overall title.

"Considering the fact that our table tennis athletes are the defending Micronesian Games champions for team, doubles, and singles categories, we will try our best to find a way to be able to compete in Palau next year," added Lim, who is hoping that workers/foreign athletes will get support from their employers in securing the required papers to get U.S. visas.

"Some of the foreigner athletes are guest workers, and their ability to obtain a U.S. work visa is dependent on the support of their employers. We hope that employers of our foreign athletes representing the CNMI, not just those in table tennis, will appreciate the contribution of their employees in the field of sports and support them in their need to have a U.S. work visa," Lim said.

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down 1,736 pins but was given 40 extra bonus points, giving him a stout average of 222 pins per game.

The second block of the men's masters was held last night, but scores were still unavailable as of press time.

Daegu's Choi Suk Byung leads the men's masters with his 2,060 pinfalls. He is followed by host Tamuning's Jonathan Duenas with his 1,911. At third place is Daegu's Kim Young Pyo with his 1,869, while rounding out the Top 5 are Tamuning's J.D. Castro and Brian Manibusan with pinfalls of 1,844 and 1,820, respectively.

The rest of the men's masters field are as follows: Daegu's Shin Sung Hoon (1,798); Hong Kong's Lau Kwan Ho (1,798); Daegu's Bae Wu Wook (1,763); Quezon City's Jar Ar Tan (1,763); Tamuning's John John Ada (1,721); Taipei's Wang Kuah-Yu (1,698); Pohang's Im Hyun Woo (1,695); Quezon City's Louie Chuaquico (1,655); Victoria's Alex Li Siu Tsan (1,643); and Hong Kong's Michael Chan Yatw Chan (1,624).

In the women's masters, Tamuning's Felymar Mandapat leads the way with her 1,879, followed closely by Pohang's Kim Hee Jung with her 1,878. Third place belongs to Paranaque's Liza Clutario with her 1,851, while fourth and fifth are Clutario's teammates Cecilia Yap and Lara Posadas with 1,817 and 1815, respectively.

Rounding out the women's masters participants are Tamuning's Shellee Javier (1,726), Pohang's Yoon Jun Sil (1,677), Daegu's Choi Hyung Yeon (1,658), Pasay's Ditas Red (1,655) and Sheena Angeli Go (1,621), Tamuning's Leanne Rankin (1,606), Daegu's Kim Eun Sook (1,595), Shah Alam's Choy Poh Lai (1,584), Pasay's Angeli Lao (1,577), and Pasay's Yap Seok Kim (1,482).

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to bring home a medal, hopefully the gold," Alvarez said.

After the Japan tournament, which will start today and conclude tomorrow at Tokyo Budoh-Kan, Ayase, Adachi-ku, Tokyo, Camacho will return to Saipan and stay here until February next year.

While here, Camacho will continue his training and at the same time hold MMA and Jiu Jitsu clinics.

"All Interested MMA and Jiu Jitsu enthusiasts can stop by and visit the Trench Tech gym located in Afetnas San Antonio and meet "The Crank" personally. He will be teaching what he learned at Lloyd Irvin's to interested players. It will only cost you only $35 a month to train," Alvarez said.

The Trench Tech president added Camacho will be a special guest referee in the Trench Warz 11's Redemption: Guam vs. Saipan 2 slated on Dec. 8 at the Royal Taga Hall of Saipan World Resort.

Next month's Trench Warz 11 will feature double main events with Guam's Alex "Most Hated" Castro facing Trench Tech's Fasi "Quickdraw" Jesse and Guam's Gil "The Guamaniac" Melo challenging Trench Tech's Jason 'The Rush" Tarkong.

For more information about Trench Tech, contact Alvarez at 483-4MMA.

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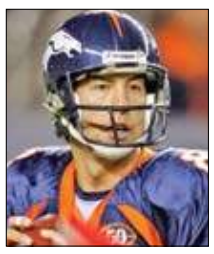
next year's 2010 Wahoo Jackpot Derby.

Last year, captain John T. Sablan and the crew of *MV Gloria II* won the 2008 Wahoo Jackpot Derby after reeling in a 38.15-lb. wahoo.

Sablan said he and his crew, made up of Ray Guerrero, Tom Diaz, and Beltau "Bird Island" Palacios, caught the whopping wahoo in the waters west off Tinian and it took them about 10 minutes to subdue the fish.

For more information about the 2009 Wahoo Jackpot Derby, contact MVA's Frank Tudela at 664-3200/01 or e-mail at ftudela@mymarianas.com.



Broncos end four-game skid with win over Giants

The Denver Broncos still have their troubles with the red zone and yellow flags. The dark cloud that hung over them during their month of misery, though, is gone. 25

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Boozer leads Jazz over Bulls, 105-86

Carlos Boozer scored 28 points on 12-for-14 shooting and the Utah Jazz beat the slumping Chicago Bulls 105-86 on Thursday night. 26

NMI federalization may affect off-island sports participation

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As federal immigration regulations are implemented in the CNMI starting today, members of the sports community are weighing its effect on non-U.S. athletes representing the Commonwealth in off-island tournaments.

CNMI tennis coach Jeff Race said both junior and adult players may face disappointment of not being able to compete in tournaments outside the Commonwealth as they will not be allowed to re-enter the islands after leaving.

Race is talking of players who are either foreign workers or do not have U.S. visa. Under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's interim final rules, these individuals are barred from re-entering the Commonwealth using only their valid CNMI work and entry permits.

Under the same rules, foreign workers need to secure a CW-1 visa from a U.S. embassy for them to re-enter the CNMI, but only after they first get a CNMI-only transitional worker status, which may take up to 60 days to acquire. There is also a possibility that an applicant may be denied a CW-1 visa and therefore won't be able to re-enter the CNMI and continue working on the islands despite holding a valid CNMI work and entry permit.

A federal judge's order dated Nov. 25 prohibits DHS from implementing in its current form the interim rule on the CNMI

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Tennis player Peter Loyola, left, returns to Benjie Decena during their consolation game in the men's open singles division of the Inaugural Tan Holdings Classic at the AMP tennis courts. Right, Mark Ma of Tinian serves during a table tennis goodwill tournament against Saipan bets in September this year.

Manacop is 8th after masters first block

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Team Saipan's Simon Manacop finished in eight place after the first block of the men's masters category of the 23rd Asian Intercity Bowling Championships.

The Department of Public Safety detective rolled an eight-game total of 1,776 Thursday night at the Central Lanes in Tamuning, Guam.

Manacop actually knocked

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'Crank' off to Japan grappling tourney

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Frank "The Crank" Camacho left for Japan yesterday morning to represent the CNMI to the Japan Asian Jiu Jitsu Grappling Championships.

According to Trench Tech promoter and president Cuki Alvarez, Camacho arrived on Saipan from Washington last week after undergoing strict

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training and conditioning at Lloyd Irvin Jiu Jitsu Academy in Maryland for almost a year.

In Japan, the 190-lb. fighter will be competing in the blue belt division, absolute class. It is an open weight division and Camacho is expected to duel the best Jiu Jitsu players in the Asian region.

"He is confident in his conditioning and has trained very hard at Master Lloyd Irvin Jiu Jitsu Academy in Maryland and Trench Tech in preparation for the tournament. He hopes

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Frank "The Crank" Camacho, seen here posing with a medal he win in a tournament in the mainland early this year, left for Japan yesterday for the Japan Asian Jiu Jitsu Grappling Championships in Tokyo.

37.45-pounder tops Wahoo Jackpot Debry

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The 2009 Wahoo Jackpot Derby was held last Saturday with a boat captained by Francisco Reyes winning the competition after reeling in a 37.45-lb. wahoo.

Reyes caught the year's whopping wahoo with the help of anglers Brian Reyes and Nick Muna.

While captain Francisco was absent during the awards ceremony held Saturday evening at the Smiling Cove Marina, Brian was there to receive the award in behalf of the crew.

Brian said they caught he winning fish out by Goat Island and the wahoo put up a good fight before being reeled in. He said it took 40-45 minutes before he and Muna were able to land the fish.

Second place was won by *Seacraft* after the boat skippered by Mario Barit and crew Annie Legaspi caught a wahoo weighing 31.60 lbs.

A boat captained by Romy Entendez and manned by Mario P. Jumalon, meanwhile, took third place with their 18-lb. catch.

Carmelita and *Seacraft* 5 complete the Top 5 in the 2009 Wahoo Jackpot Derby after their crew reeled in a 15.95-lb. and 15-lb. wahoo, respectively.

Carmelita was captained by Alex Castro with George and Rex Moses serving as crew. *Seacraft* 5, meanwhile, was skippered by Antonio Barit with Jeffrey Barit the lone crew.

Organizing committee chairman John Guerrero thanked Carlsberg, Shell Marianas, Pacific Wine and Spirits, Marianas Visitors Authority, Saipan Fishermen's Association, Division of Fish and Wildlife, Emergency Management Office, and DPS Boating Safety for helping make the 2009 edition of the Wahoo Jackpot Derby a success.

He also congratulated all the winners of the tournament and invited them to come back for

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Brian Reyes shows off the 37.45-lb. wahoo he, captain Francisco Reyes, and fellow crewmember Nick Muna caught by Goat Island in last Saturday's 2009 Wahoo Jackpot Derby.

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